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HUSBAND HENRY HESTER-165

BORN: PLACE:
CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
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MARR: PLACE:

FATHER: WILLIAM HESTER-169

PARENTS' MRIN: 82

MOTHER:

WIFE SARAH GRIFFITH-166

BORN: PLACE:
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DIED: PLACE: ,, KENTUCKY
BUR.: PLACE: ,, KENTUCKY
FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

* 1. NAME: JOHN KENTON HESTER-110

--- BORN: 28 Aug 1821 PLACE: , FLEMING COUNTY, KENTUCKY
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: 22 Jan 1895 PLACE: MT OLIVET, BRACKEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY
BUR.: 25 Jan 1895 PLACE: MT OLIVET, BRACKEN COUNTY, KENTUCKY
SPOUSE: SUSAN JANE MITCHELL-111
MARR: 22 Dec 1846 PLACE:

MRIN: 18

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HUSBAND WILLIAM HESTER-169

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CHILDREN

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1. NAME: CHARLOTTE HESTER-168

---- BORN: PLACE:
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DIED: PLACE: ,, KENTUCKY
BUR.: PLACE: ,, KENTUCKY
SPOUSE: MORRIS MITCHELL-167
MARR: 20 Nov 1823 PLACE:

MRIN: 33

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has other marriages

WIFE

BORN: PLACE:
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FATHER:
MOTHER:

CHILDREN

1. NAME: HENRY HESTER-165

---- BORN: PLACE:
M CHR.: PLACE:
DIED: PLACE:
BUR.: PLACE:
SPOUSE: SARAH GRIFFITH-166
MARR: PLACE:

MRIN: 32

2. NAME:
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Newspaper article
on death of Pink Hester
Oct 8, 1887

Millsaps, A.L. Graham, Ed Waggoner, Ira
Holloway, W.C. Miller, S.Y. Pope,
M.F. Brewer, Geo. Hoover, R. Watkins,
Bannon, W.T. Young, J.B. Stribling, F.F.
M.H. Easom.

tion Results: Chancery Clerk, W.H.
R.L. Wallace; Treasurer, Steve Wiggins;
Surveyor, W.L. Cox; Coroner-Ranger, A.J.
Locker, Beat 1; I.W. Merchant, Beat 2;
Williams, Beat 4; S.D. Phillips, Beat 5.

a rib while campaigning in the lower

d man, died Aug. 21, the victim of a joke
He died of a fractured skull about 9 p.m.,
he had thrown a brick at him.
to represent the defendants. All are in jail

sentenced to 14 years for a series of
aid guilty. The case against his wife was

Walker and John Summers, colored youths
Margaret Hall's house and hurt Henry
anslaughter. They were sentenced to two

vely bride Ackerman visited friends and

successful surgery for repair of a finger
on obstreperous horse. The hand will not
may be stiff.

Miss Jimmie Smythe is the only student from Leake at Ole Miss.
Her mother brought her as far as Kosciusko, where they visited
relatives, then she went on alone.

Mrs. N.G. Heath died on Wednesday, Sept. 21, after an illness
of many days.

Amzie Henkel came to the rescue when one of Vol Millsaps' oxen
jumped off McFadden's Ferry. Henkel forced a rope around the
steer's head and forced him to swim back to the ferry. Millsaps was
returning from Forest.

Oct. 1, 1887

W.R. Lacey of Leake County was elected business agent of the
State Farmers' Alliance. C.T. Smithson was elected secretary.

Oct. 8, 1887

Pink Hester, an old man who lived on the road between Canton
and Carthage near the Leake and Madison county lines, was shot to
death last Saturday morning. The old man's son and young Davis
Martin were arrested as suspects.

Frank P. Triplett was elected county business agent of the
Farmer's Alliance to succeed W.R. Lacey.

Oct. 15, 1887

Dan Sullivan, J.H. Hall and W.S. Glenn are all fathers recently
of girl babies.

Nov. 12, 1887

Administrator's Sale: Estate of J.A. Hendricks, F.M. Davis,
administrator; SW 1/4 and W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 Section 29 SE
1/4 of Section 39 Township 9 N Range 7 E.

Administrator's Notice: Estate of George Roby, John Roby,
administrator.

Two cases of typhoid are in the family of the Rev. Mr. Ellis and
Alpheus Plunkett, also in the A.J. Deal family.

**Looking Back: Genealogical Abstracts from
"The Carthaginian", Leake County, Mississippi, 1872-1900**

Regina Hines Ellison

Located in the geographical center of Mississippi, Leake County was often a stopping place for Mississippi travelers and those from other states. Whether they just passed through, stayed a few years, or stayed for the rest of their lives, the names of people who came to Leake County often found their way into the local weekly newspaper, *The Carthaginian*. Established in the county seat, Carthage, in 1872, *The Carthaginian*, has chronicled happenings in Central Mississippi since that time. This book consists of chronological abstracts of genealogical value gleaned from the earliest existing issues to the turn-of-the-century. The author cites more than births, deaths, and marriages. Among the types of items appearing in the book are: social notes on visiting relatives, or Leake Countians traveling to visit kin in other places; notes on illnesses, accidents, fires, and other disasters; comments by the editors or the correspondents referring to the character of individuals; articles on new homes, businesses, change of occupation, or people moving into or out of the area; advertisements of local businesses and products; elections, pollworkers and public officials; school events and honor students; club meetings, church events and veterans reunions; court cases, court notices and homestead notices.

Although the abstracts do not start until the early 1870s, references to the early years of Leake County are found in the letters to the editor, death notices, and other items.

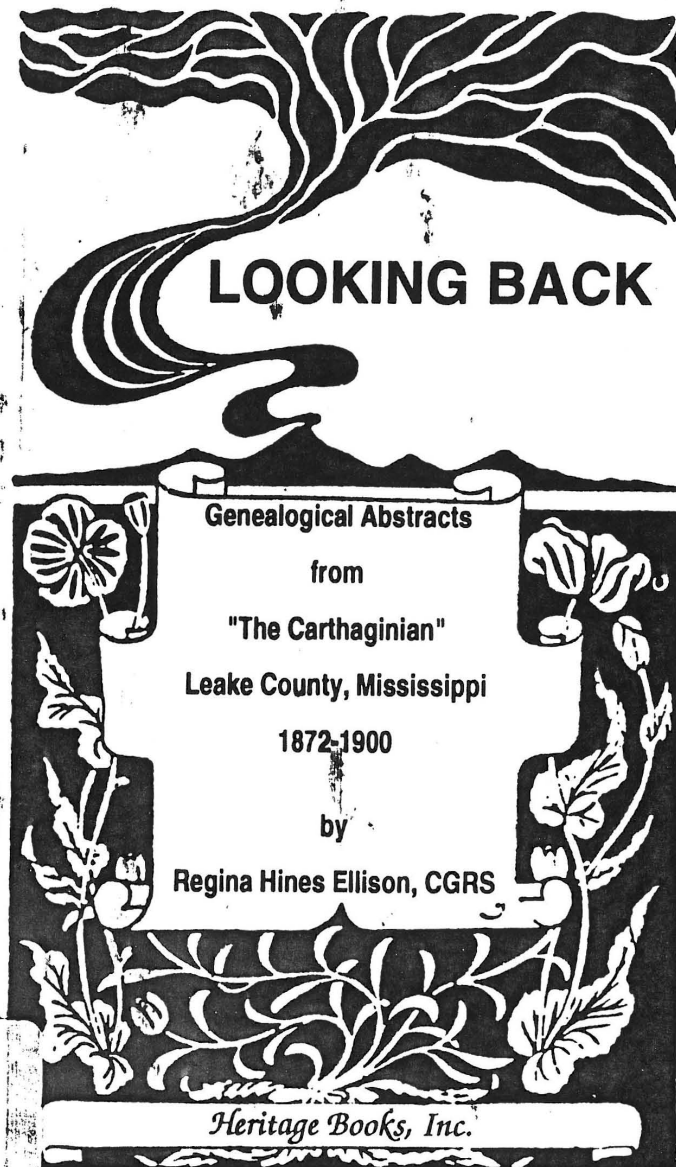
With the references in the homestead notices, the researcher may obtain land patent documents through the National Archives. Also valuable are items showing the movement of people from place to place in the late 1800s. These give clues to their whereabouts between the censuses and often give hints or reasons of why they moved. People from many other locations are mentioned in the book, since the newspaper copied items from other weeklies about happenings in the neighboring counties of Neshoba, Scott, Attala, Holmes, and other parts of the state. An introduction, giving a brief history of newspapers in Leake County, samples of the court and land notices, and a surname index complement the abstracts.

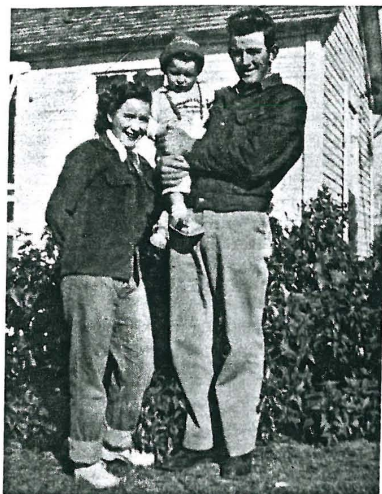
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James and Trilla "Mickey" McVey Paulk
son James, Jr.

teen, working up in the derrick and continued this occupation until he built his first shrimp boat in 1959.

He married Helen Gray and they had a daughter, Onva Diane. This marriage only lasted a few months. Onva married Jerry Carnley of Alabama, and they had Jeremy Miles Carnley, born Sept. 23, 1971 and Stephanie, born March 25, 1973. They reside in Alabama.

James and Trilla married Feb. 10, 1952. She was born Jan. 8, 1936 in Omaha, NE, the daughter of Charles F. and Bessie E. Plummer McVey. She was raised in California until her marriage, and removed to Texas and then, Mississippi. Their children are: James Herbert, Jr., born Dec. 13, 1952 in Lovington, NM. He married Susan Alicia Rogers, born Sept. 15, 1955, daughter of James and Roma Smith Rogers of Escatawpa, MS. They were married June 6, 1974 and are parents of William Gentry, born July 2, 1975 and Benjamin Destry, born March 11, 1977. They reside in Escatawpa.

Bessie Lenora, born July 30, 1955 in Orange, CA, married first to Archie Lee Poole, born July 23, 1949, son of Junior and Florilla Pettis Poole of Orange Grove, MS. This marriage ended in divorce. Their children are Rachel Naomi, born Dec. 3, 1975 and Tabitha Leona, born Nov. 3, 1977. She married again, to Michael Smith, and have no children. They reside in Washington, DC.

Trilla Diane, born Sept. 28, 1956, in Newhall, CA, married April 6, 1974 to Jimmy Lee Vice, born April 8, 1955, son of Oliver Bruce and Doris Mae Pierce Vice of Helena Community. His paternal grandparents were Ollie Cole and Frances Williams Vice, and maternal grandparents were Plummer Devondale and Annie Murphy Pierce.

Their children are Jimmy Lee, born July 5, 1975 and Jeremy Cole, born April 14, 1978. They reside in Helena Community. Doris Dale, born Jan. 8, 1960 in Palacios, TX, married first to Clyde Adams. The marriage ended in divorce and without issue. Her second marriage was to Charles Leslie

Steeley, born Nov. 16, 1951 in Monroeville, AL. He is the son of Leslie and Marjorie Taylor Steeley of Slidell, La. Their daughters are Regina Anne, born Sept. 16, 1979 in Covington, LA and Sabrina Renee, born Aug. 13, 1882 in Bogalusa. She and her daughters presently reside in Florida.

Dennis Morgan, born May 18, 1962, in Palacios, TX, married on May 3, 1980 to Teresa Lynette Meyn, born Nov. 3, 1963, daughter of Russell and Dorothy Addison Meyn, of Osyka, MS. Their children are: Dennis James, born Oct. 1, 1981, Justin Russell, born April 13, 1983 and Mandy Diane, born May 7, 1985. All grandchildren were born in Singing River Hospital, Pascagoula except the two daughters of Doris Steeley.

by Mickie Paulk



James Knox Paulk and America Graves (Greaves)
Taken at Palacios, TX about 1930.
Courtesy of: Mickey McVey Paulk

PAULK, JAMES KNOX AND AMERICA GRAVES F405

James Knox Paulk was born March 11, 1850 in Ozark, Dale County, AL, the son of Alfred H. and Dortha Sheffield Paulk. He married America Graves Oct. 18, 1877 at Camp Colorado, TX. She was the daughter of Lawrence Decatur and Mary Ann Martin Graves. They were parents of Annie, Thomas, John, Daniel, Bertha, Joseph, Dorothy, Elster (Dick), Zora, William and Mary. He was a Texas Ranger, serving in Capt. Maltby's unit. He enlisted in the Civil War at the age of 15. When he was 19, he went to Texas and served in what was known as the Minutemen on the frontier of Texas. He lived most of his years at Palacios, TX, where his occupation in his declining years was that of shoe cobbler. James died March 20, 1932 at the age of 82 yrs and 9 days. He told many stories of his days as a Ranger, and the battles in which he fought. One being the fight at Adobe Walls, TX where 27 men withstood 900 Indians under Quanah Parker, Indian Chief, conflicts at the Williams and Hart Ranch and numerous minor ones.

His son, William Albert Paulk, born Dec. 23, 1898 in Paris, TX, was married July 17, 1922 to Lenora Alice Blazier, born Sept. 2, 1900 in Mayberry, Pawnee County, NE. They were parents of four children:

Violet (Mrs. Clem Hoffmann), born July 15, 1923, married Harry Guynes, Jr., born

Dec. 24, 1938. He died Dec. 16, 1964, father of her five children.

Their children were: Patricia (Mrs. Dan Ratliff); Harry Wayne; Sandra (Mrs. Robert Trower); Nancy (Mrs. John Hood) and Craig Thomas. All reside in Texas. There was no issue by second marriage.

William Albert, born Feb. 20, 1925, married Nancy Morgan of Wales. They had one son, William Jr. He died in 1948 from a fall from a smokestack in Port Arthur, TX.

Geraldine Alice, born Dec. 25, 1926, married Jessie James Crain Sept. 28, 1943; and are the parents of three girls. Kathleen, born Sept. 8, 1950 in Wharton, TX. She married first to William Elder of Pascagoula, son of William Elder, I on Feb. 10, 1969. They were parents of Hollis Vane, born Dec. 30, 1969; William, Jr., born Dec. 24, 1970; and Jessica K., born May 5, 1972. They were divorced and she married second to Robert Hester Nov. 16, 1973. They were parents of Robert Hester, Jr., born Dec. 6, 1976, and Crystal Carlene, born Aug. 27, 1979. This marriage ended in divorce and she married Russell Coker April 21, 1983 and resides in TX. Sherian Ann, born June 26, 1958 in Bay City, TX, who was married Dec. 1973 to Borden Paul Willis, the son of Borden and Annie Mae Bosarge Willis of Jackson County. They are parents of Wendy Angela, born Sept. 16, 1974; Cindy Allison, born Aug. 29, 1976; Malinda Janelle, born March 8, 1979; Holly Renae, born Feb. 1, 1982; and Jamie, born Jan. 1983. Janelle Nora, born July 23, 1957 in Bay City, TX, married Stewart Allen Timberman, Feb. 18, 1975. They are the parents of Shana Denice, born Oct. 3, 1979, and Christopher Allen, born Jan. 5, 1984. They reside in Texas.

James Herbert Paulk was born June 17, 1930.

William Albert Paulk and Lenora Blazier were divorced and he married in 1935 to Helen Johnson. She had a son Glenn Roy and he took his step father's surname. He married Joyce Wattigney of New Orleans. They are parents of Audrey, Glenda, Glenn, Roy, Wanda, William, Allen and Douglas. They reside in Hancock County, MS and the New Orleans area.

William Albert served in the Merchant Marines for a period of 22 years. He made many trips across the Equator. He lived his last years in Boynton Beach, FL and died there Aug. 13, 1971. He was buried at Blessing, TX.

by Mickey McVey Paulk

PERRY, CHARLES AND CHRISTI MCQUARRIE F406

Charles Perry was born in 1875 in Baldwin County, AL. He was the son of Frank and Elizabeth Perry. Charles had a brother, Theopolis, and a sister, Alice. When the children were small the family moved to Escatawpa, MS. The family set up housekeeping in an old house south of the intersection of Dutch Bayou road and Elder Ferry Road. Frank and Elizabeth separated and eventually got a divorce, so Elizabeth raised the three children by herself. After Charles grew up, he met Christi (Polly)

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Charles and Christi McQuarrie Perry on Charles' 70th Birthday in 1944.



William J. "Bill" Cunningham, husband of Martha Delphine McQuarrie Cunningham on a huge log jam on the Pascagoula River in the early 1900s.



Left: Martha Delphine, who married William J. "Bill" Cunningham, and Christi at age 12, who married Charles Perry.



Charles Perry and his wife Christi "Polly" McQuarrie in 1910.

McQuarrie who was born April 23, 1880. She was the daughter of Lauchlin and Clara Cunningham McQuarrie. Christi had one brother, Reubin, who died at birth, and eight sisters, Olivia, Rose, Effie, Martha, Emma who died at age 19, Christine Caty, who died at age 14, and Flora.

Charles and Christi Perry were married about 1896. They lived in Escatawpa near

Cunningham Bluff, for many years. Around 1910, the family moved to an old home on Robinson Bayou. By this time, Charles and Christi had seven children. Four more children were born after the move.

The twelve children are as follows:

Flora Mae born 1897, died Feb. 9, 1897, married **John Edgar Hester**. Walter, born Dec. 29, 1899, died Dec. 23, 1976, never married. Lessie Kate, born Oct. 29, 1902, died Nov. 1, 1983, married Louis Frederick Tompkins. Annie, birth and death dates unknown married first Walter Ladnier and second, J.B. Lemaitre. Fannie Mae, born 1905, died March 9, 1971 and married **Artiste Hester**. Elizabeth, birthdate unknown, died when 3 years old. Rose, birth and death unknown, married George Hallstrom. John Clifton, born April 9, 1913, died Aug. 6, 1962, married Annie Laura Martin. Dora Mae, birth and death date unknown, married Fred (Buster) Nolf. Woodrow, born Nov. 22, 1915 married Ruby Esco Jackson. Jessie Lucille, born May 28, 1922 and is still living. She married first, Oscar Hallstrom and second Alton Fisher. Baby Boy, birthdate unknown, died at birth.

Charles was a farmer, growing crops, raising chickens, etc. The farm, on Robinson Bayou, was an excellent location for a fishing camp. It was near several lakes, bayous, and the Pascagoula River. Charles opened a fishing camp in 1917, calling it Perry's Landing. It was very successful, drawing fishermen from as far away as Laurel, MS.

In 1944, Edward C. Tompkins, grandson of Charles and Christi, lived with them and helped run the fishing camp. Edward still remembers, and considers that year as one of the happiest times of his life.

After Charles and Christi died, the fishing camp changed hands several times, to Mrs. Bill's, Dumas Camp, and finally is now known as Riverbend.

Charles died in 1944 and Christi in 1945, and both are buried in Robinson Cemetery on Wemby Ave. in Escatawpa, MS.

Charles and Christi (McQuarrie) Perry were the grandparents of Edward Charles Tompkins of Pascagoula, MS.

by Edward C. Tompkins

PERRY, FRANK AND ELIZABETH

F407

Frank and Elizabeth Perry and their three children came from Baldwin County, AL and settled in Escatawpa MS, near the intersection of Dutch Bayou Road and Elder Ferry Road. They were divorced when the children were young and Elizabeth reared them alone. Frank went to Florida and remarried.

Their three children were: Charles, born in 1875; Theopolis, born in 1881 and Alice, birthdate is unknown.

Charles married Christi McQuarrie, born in 1880, and they had twelve children: Flora Mae, born 1897, married John Edgar Hester. Walter, born Dec. 29, 1899, never married. Lessie Kate, born Oct. 29, 1902, married Louis F. Tompkins. Annie, birthdate unknown, married first Walter Ladnier; and married second J. B. Lemaitre. Fannie Mae, born 1905, married Artiste Hester. Elizabeth, birthdate unknown, died when three years old. Rose, birthdate unknown, married George Hallstrom. John Clifton, born April 9, 1913, married Annie Laura Martin. Dora Mae, birthdate unknown, married Fred Buster Nolf. Woodrow, born Nov. 22, 1915, married Ruby Esco Jackson. Jessie L., born May 28, 1922, married first Oscar Hallstrom, married second Alton Fisher. Baby Boy, birthdate unknown, died at birth.

Charles Perry died in 1944, and his wife Christi died in 1945. Both are buried in the Robinson Cemetery in Escatawpa, MS.

Theopolis married Emma O'Neal. After raising a family, they divorced. Then Theopolis moved to Tucson, AZ, where he hoped the dry, sunny climate would improve his asthma condition. Shortly thereafter, he remarried and spent the rest of his life in Tucson. He died about 1940, and is buried in Tucson.

Alice married Lee Vice, and they had the following children: Lillian, Robert, Charlie, Viola, Victoria M., Lum, May and Levada.

After their children were grown, Alice and Lee moved to either Louisiana or Texas, where they lived for the rest of their lives.

During his early years in Ocean Springs, Raymond O. Hines was active in the East Ocean Springs Civic Group, which was organized to push for a countywide property reappraisal. The movement was successful.

In 1962 he joined the Ocean Springs Lions Club and served as president and in other offices and committees in his 15 years of membership.

He was also a charter member of Treasure Oak Country Club, which was developed on the old Nelson property off U.S. 90 beginning about 1964. He served on the board of directors and was active on committees. His wife, Regina, also served on the club board in 1979 and 1980.

The family attended St. Alphonsus Catholic Church for many years. When the parish was divided, they joined St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church.

Hines continued teaching at Keesler until his death at Gulf Coast Community Hospital on Oct. 1, 1977. He is buried in Evergreen Cemetery.

by Regina Hines Ellison



Douglas R. Holden

HOLDEN, DOUGLAS R.

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Doug Holden served as Jackson County's District 5 Supervisor from 1982 to 1988. He is a graduate of Vancleave High School and Mississippi State University. Prior to taking office, he was store manager of Robert Holden General Store and vice president of Holden Earthmoving and Construction Co., Inc. He also served two years in the Army.

He and the former Martha VanDevender have been married for 19 years and they have a 15-year old son, Scott. The Holdens are members of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, where he is a member and past chairman of the administrative board and chairman of the finance committee.

Doug is a director of both the Jackson County and Ocean Springs Chamber of Commerce, a member and past president of Gautier Rotary Club and a member of the Vancleave PTO and MSU Alumni Association. He served as president of the Jackson County Board of Supervisors.

While in office, Doug played a key role in securing the Navy homeport for Pascagoula, the development of the new Bluff Creek Water Park (a Pat Harrison Waterway project), and in construction of Sunplex, a light industrial park located in District 5. Major economic development and recreational improvements made during his service as board president included creation of a professionally staffed industrial/economic development department and a county parks and recreation department.

A recreational fishing pier and pavilion were completed in the spring of 1987 in the Gulf Park Estates area, preceded by the dedication of a community/convention center and widening and reconstruction of Ladnier Road, both projects for the Gautier area.

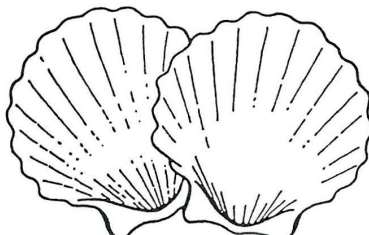
Major improvements were made to District 5's bridges and roads during the Holden administration with 18 bridges replaced with concrete structures and 60 miles of asphalt overlay and upgrading unpaved roads to hard surface.

Doug is the son of Robert V. and Winona (Wilson) Holden of Vancleave. Grandparents are the late William Riley and Mary Etta (Parker) Holden of Vancleave and the late Samuel Ernest and Sara Jane (Roberts) Wilson of the Bonnie Chapel community.

Martha is the daughter of Woodrow Wilson and Maizie Stewart Roberts VanDevender of Pascagoula. Her grandparents are the late Purvis Hester and Minnie Dale (Fulton) VanDevender and the late Robert Mack and Mary (Leonard) Roberts.



William J. "Bill" Cunningham and his wife Martha Delphine (McQuarrie) Cunningham on their wedding day Dec. 26, 1900 in Escatawpa, MS.



Russell Calvin Holloman and his wife, Elsie Alberta (Cunningham) Holloman cutting an anniversary cake in the old Holloman place in Escatawpa, MS.

HOLLOMAN, RUSSELL CALVIN AND ELSIE ALBERTA CUNNINGHAM

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Russell Calvin Holloman and his brother, Eddie, came to this area from the Brushy Creek and Lucedale area, in 1920. They came to Escatawpa because they had witnessed a murder, and the sheriff of their town wanted them to "hide out" with his friends. The sheriff was concerned about their physical safety, because their lives had been threatened, and he wanted them to live until they could testify in court. This is how Russell Calvin met his future wife, Elsie Alberta Cunningham. Elsie was the daughter of William J. "Billy" and Martha Delphine (McQuarrie) Cunningham. She was the granddaughter of Lauchlin and Clara McQuarrie, and Samuel and Rispy Cunningham.

Russell and "Bertie", as she was called by family and friends, had eleven children:

Arlene F. "Jean" - born May 23, 1923. She married Robert F. "Wimpy" Neel, from Beaumont, TX. Robert F. was a pilot. They had two sons, Robert Wayne and David Franklin Neel. After being married for 21 years, they divorced. Arlene married a doctor, named Boyd Douglas Hume, in 1962. Boyd had two daughters from a previous marriage, Gaye and Lysa. Arlene and Boyd were married until 1975, when they then divorced. Arlene moved back to her "old home place" in 1983.

William Russell - born Feb. 14, 1925. He married four different women. He and his first wife, Lavon, had two daughters, Mary and Laverne, and a son, Lewis. He then married Pauline Shaw, and had a son named Jimmy. He had no children by his other marriages.

Leonard - born in 1927. He was a "blue baby" and lived only a short time.

Rosetta - married Sherman Havard. They had ten children: Delores Ann, Burnis, Bobby Lee, Curtiss, Sylvia, Scotty, Wanda Rose, Christopher, Toni, and one child who died at birth.

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working towards a M.S. degree in Human Resources Development from Webster University.

On June 17, 1961, Philip married Nera Rebecca Lee, born May 22, 1938, in Purvis, MS. They live in Summerville, SC, where they are active in the community.

Their older child, was born July 27, 1964 at Melbourne, FL. He is attending Marion College at SC.

Their daughter, Suzanne Lee, born Nov. 12, 1967 in Winfield, KS, is attending the College of Charleston, Charleston, SC.

Philip is manager of Industrial and Community Relations at the Robert Bosch Corp., Charleston, SC, and was listed in Marquis Who's Who of the South and Southwest U.S.A. in 1987. He and his family attend Bethany United Methodist Church in Summerville, SC.

CHARLES HENRI SCHAFFNER

Charles Henri Schaffner was born on Oct. 13, 1936 in New Orleans, LA, the younger son of Philippe and Ethelyn MacKenzie Schaffner. His father died four and a half months before he was born and five years later his mother married D.L. "Pat" Connor.

He was active in Boy Scouting and became an Eagle Scout of Troop 210, Ocean Springs. As an adult he continued scouting activities with his boys following the example of his stepfather, Pat Connor, who had served as treasurer of Troop 210 for eight years.

Charles was graduated from Ocean Springs Elementary School and with honors from Notre Dame High School in Biloxi in 1955. He was a member of the championship Notre Dame High School football team. In 1959, he was graduated from Mississippi State University with a degree in mechanical engineering.

His hobbies are many, especially fishing and gardening.

He is plant manager of the Cain Chemical Company in Corpus Christi, TX, where he resides with his family. He married the former Virginia Paulette DeFrank (born in Biloxi on Aug. 1, 1938) at First Methodist Church in Atlanta, GA, on July 22, 1957.

They have three children. Virginia Lucille was born July 25, 1958 in Biloxi and married Kenny Brumley. They had one child, Mary Charlene "Charlie", who was born on Aug. 4, 1979. They were divorced. She later married Dennis Duncan. They have one child, Virginia Paulette "Ginger," who was born on Aug. 26, 1985.

Their older son, Charles Peter, was born in Charleston, WV on July 5, 1963. He and his brother, Paul Lawrence, born on Nov. 7, 1965, attend McNeese State University at Lake Charles, LA.

The Schaffner family attends Asbury United Methodist Church in Corpus Christi.

ETHELYN PATRICIA "PAT" CONNOR JOACHIM

Ethelyn Patricia "Pat" Connor was born in New Orleans, LA on Nov. 24, 1942.

She is a graduate of Ocean Springs schools and attended Perkinson Junior College and Gulf Coast Business School. She worked for First Federal Savings and Loan Association of Biloxi for seven years. Later, after she married and had children, she returned to the University of Southern Mississippi,

where she pursued a degree in education. She was graduated with highest honors in May 1976.

Patricia has been a second grade teacher at East Elementary School in Ocean Springs for 10 years.

A member of the I.M. Inc. investment group and active in the Coast Community Concert Association, she has served for 20 years on the membership committee of that organization. She is a past president of the Duchess Club and Ladies of Treasure Oak. She helped organize the first Ocean Springs High School pep Squad and the first high school football homecoming parade. Her hobbies are needlepoint, sailing, gardening, and reading.

Patricia and Francis Joseph "Joe" Joachim, who is one of 20 children, were married on March 7, 1964.

They have two children, Randall Craig Joachim, born on Feb. 8, 1965 and Brian Connor Joachim, born on Nov. 30, 1967. They are students at Jackson County Junior College in Gautier, MS.

She and her husband, "Joe" Joachim, live with their sons (a third generation) at Conamore. They purchased in 1977 the main house from her parents, Ethelyn and D.L. "Pat" Connor, who moved into the cottage across the lawn.

The family attends St. Paul United Methodist Church, where Patricia enjoys teaching Sunday School. They are members of the Ocean Springs Yacht Club and Treasure Oak Country Club.

DONALD LAWRENCE CONNOR, JR.

Donald Lawrence Connor, Jr. is the youngest child of D.L. "Pat" and Ethelyn Connor. He was born in New Orleans, LA, on Dec. 19, 1945 and moved to Ocean Springs with his family when he was six months old. He was a premature baby and the Connor family credits Ocean Springs for his life and good health. Donald will inherit the cottage continuing for the third generation the family history at Conamore.

He was graduated from Ocean Springs Elementary School and in 1965 from Notre Dame High School in Biloxi, where he played football and was awarded a trophy for being the most unselfish player.

At Mississippi State University, he was in the first computer science class graduating in 1969 with a major in computer science and minors in business administration and electrical engineering.

A past president of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Ocean Springs, Donald is a member of the Louisiana Lodge No. 102 F&AM, New Orleans, LA.

Donald is a computer systems analyst and a real estate broker. On Jan. 25, 1976, he married Elizabeth "Sassy" Turberville, who was born on Jan. 26, 1941, in Century, FL. Their wedding took place in Covington, LA. They now live in Metairie, LA.

They have three daughters: Ellen Elizabeth, born Dec. 31, 1976; Elizabeth Ethelyn, born Jan. 20, 1979; and Emily Elizabeth, born May 18, 1980. They attend Francis Kehoe, a private school in Metairie.

Donald's hobbies are fishing, sailing and he is a do-it-yourselfer. The family attends Munholland United Methodist Church of

Metairie and are members of Sunrise Community County Club in Metairie.

by Joanne G. Anderson

CORBAN, LAWRENCE C.

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Lawrence Cunningham Corban moved to Ocean Springs, MS in November 1950. He is a native of Fayette, Jefferson County, MS. He served the district including Jackson County, as Circuit Judge from 1939 to 1953, served as City Attorney of Ocean Springs from 1954 to 1959, served as Chancery Judge with an office in Pascagoula from 1959 to 1974.

He attended Millsaps College and graduated from the University of Mississippi in 1924.

He married Eleanor Gene Sullivan of Jackson, MS 1926 and they established their home at Biloxi, where he practiced law and was elected Circuit Judge of the Coast Circuit Court District in 1939.

Their three children were through high school before they moved to Ocean Springs. They were Pattie Beth Corban, Lawrence C. Corban, Jr. and Margruder S. Corban.

Pattie Beth married Lt. Clyde H. Gunn, Jr. and has lived in Moss Point where she reared four children, taught in the public schools and served four years as alderman of the city. Her son, Clyde H. Gunn, III, is married and is a practicing attorney living in Ocean Springs.

Lawrence C. Corban, Jr. is an attorney now living in Biloxi. He served several years as Ocean Springs City attorney in the early 1960s.

Margruder S. Corban settled in Gulfport where he is an Orthopedic Surgeon.

by L.C. Corban



Clarence and Minnie Couch, 1942

COUCH, SR., CLARENCE LELAND AND MINERVA KATHLEEN

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Minerva Kathleen Cunningham, nicknamed "Minnie", was born June 26, 1883 in Escatawpa, MS. She was the daughter of Effie Thomson and John Cunningham, a farmer and rancher, and the son of Frances Cunningham and Kathleen Cumbest. Effie Thomson is the daughter of John and Susan Thomson. John was born in 1805 in Nicholas County, KY, son of James Henry Thomson,

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Hester Family



Left to right: Duggie Couch, Claude "Deg" Stauter, and Clarence McGowan on store porch, Dantzler St., Moss Point, c. 1940.
Courtesy of: Nellie Couch Moody

born in 1773 in Pennsylvania. He was a farmer, magistrate, elder and precursor for over forty years in the Presbyterian Church in Kentucky and Indiana. He was married to Sally Henry. His father, James Thomson, migrated from his birthplace in Ireland, to Pennsylvania in 1771. His father, William Thomson was born in Glasgow, Scotland and migrated to Ireland.

John Thomson married Susan Tabitha Dwight Howe, born in Belchertown, MA. They were married in Indiana in 1833 and migrated to Greene County, MS about 1840. Susan was the daughter of Joanna Smith and the Honorable Estes Howe. Joanna was born in Hadley, MA. Her forefather, Lt. Samuel Smith, born in 1602, and Elizabeth, his wife, sailed on the ship ELIZABETH from Ipswich to Salem, MA, leaving April 30, 1634. He settled in Withersfield, CT and later in Hadley where he held important offices in church and state. He is one of the Founders granted land there by the General Council in 1661.

Susan's father graduated from Dartmouth and was a lawyer, merchant and a democratic politician. The Honorable Estes Howe practiced law first in Sutton, MA and then in Albany, New York, where he was a merchant, councillor, and recorder of the city of Albany 1821-1825. He died in Albany Dec. 25, 1827 at the age of 48. He is buried in Belchertown, MA.

His father is the Dr. Estes Howe, his mother Susannah Dwight. Dr. Howe served in the Revolutionary war as a surgeon. He graduated from Harvard, lived and practiced medicine, and raised his family in Belchertown, MA where he is an original founder. In 1825 when ill and paralyzed, he was visited by Lafayette. Susannah's ancestor, John Dwight, arrived and founded Dedham, MA in 1634.

Minnie's mother, Effie Thomson, born 1848, was educated at Salem Academy in Leaf, MS, Greene County. She was a teacher for many years in Escatawpa. After her daughter married, she lived with her and her son-in-law in Moss Point until her death in 1926. She was loved by her grandchildren and others very much.

Minnie married Clarence Leland Couch, Sr., known as Duggie, born in Kentucky, Dec. 25, 1877. They married in Escatawpa, June 1900. Duggie is the son of Richard and Fannie Devine Couch. His father, Richard, was born in England and his mother in Kentucky. They lived in Escatawpa until 1906, when they bought the old family Couch home on Griffin street in Moss Point, where Duggie lived as a boy. The home is

now the residence of Mrs. Eloise Bosarge, their daughter.

They were faithful in the Baptist faith and raised most of their children to become members in that faith.

Duggie worked at Dantzler's lumber mill as a tally man. His job was to mark the amount of board feet in every piece of lumber that came out of the mill band saws.

In 1919, Duggie and Minnie bought a grocery store and a home on Dantzler Street near the school. There he stayed in business until his death in 1946. Minnie and her son, Clarence, Jr., ran it until her death in 1954.

They lived a full and useful life with eleven children and these produced twenty three grandchildren. Their children were: Eloise, born Dec. 28, 1904, married Henry Bosarge. Loren "Bud", born Aug. 25, 1906, married Mattie Smith. Hannah, born June 6, 1908, married Oliver Ladnier. Nellie, born May 1, 1910, married Wiley Moody. Katie, born Aug. 7, 1912, married: first L.C. Hester, second John Reinhardt, third John Schollian and forth Bill Deck. Hattie, born Dec. 10, 1914, married Phillip Warbington. Mary, born Dec. 5, 1916, married Albert Bosarge. Charles "Brother", born May 10, 1919. Kathleen "Sister", born on Aug. 31, 1921, married Charles Criscione. Clarence, Jr. "Man", born Nov. 10, 1923. James "Peewatts", born Jan. 6, 1929, married Jeannie Schollian.

They are buried in the Griffin Cemetery in Moss Point, MS.

by Nellie May Couch Moody

COURTNEY, JAMES AND NANCY HAVARD

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James and Nancy Courtney were residents of Jackson County, MS in the 1840s and 1850s. Nancy Havard, born 1810 in Georgia, was the daughter of John and Celia Havard. She died between 1850-1860 and is buried in Shady Grove Cemetery near her parents. Shady Grove Cemetery was originally the John Havard Family Cemetery. John was the first person buried there about 1834. It is believed that James Courtney was born in Georgia about 1801. His birth date varies on the census records as does his birth place. Traditionally, James lived to be 104 years of age. He is probably buried in Greene County, MS. He was a blacksmith.

James Courtney and Nancy Havard married about 1826 in Jackson County. In 1836, James Courtney and Celia Havard, his mother-in-law, owned 159 and 58/100 acres located in the North East quarter of Section 13 of Township 2 South of Range 7 West. This land is located in Central Community of present George County. The land certificate is now owned by the great-great-great-grandchild grandson of James and Nancy Courtney. On Sept. 1, 1846, James and Celia sold the above land to Charles Eubanks, another son-in-law of Celia's. Some of Charles and Alley Elizabeth Havard Eubanks' descendants still own some of this land.

Where James and Nancy Courtney lived after selling the above property is unknown. In 1860, James and his children were still in

Jackson County and were probably living in the Benndale Community. According to the 1860 census record, James had remarried within the year. Efforts to locate the James Courtney Family in 1870 had been unsuccessful. According to Jim Dickerson, a great grandson of James and Nancy, the Courtney family did not settle in one place. In 1880, James Courtney, age 90, and Ella Courtney, age 80, were living with Joseph and Sarah Courtney Dickerson in Greene County. It is assumed that Ella Courtney was the lady James married in 1860 and that there were no children born to this union.

The children of James and Nancy Courtney as listed on the 1850 and 1860 censuses of Jackson County were: (1) Charles Courtney, born in 1827. He married Lucinda Mizell about 1853. Their children were: Susan Ollivan, born in 1855; James Monroe, born in 1857; Phillip Bruner, born in 1858; and Elisha, born in 1860. It has been said that Charles Courtney died of wounds in the Civil War, but according to Underwood Courtney, a grandson, Charles died in 1862 of tuberculosis. Following the death of Charles, Lucinda and their children moved to Washington County, AL to be near her people. (2) James Courtney, born in 1829, untraced. (3) William Courtney, born in 1832, untraced. (4) David Courtney, born in 1836. David married Emma Harriet Howington Dec. 5, 1895 in Greene County. She was the daughter of Redding and Rowens Childress Howington. David and Emma were parents of two children: an infant who was born and died in 1897, and James who was born in March 1899. James was a World War I veteran. He later married and reared a large family in Tupelo and New Albany, MS. David Courtney died June 14, 1929 at age 93 and is buried in Shady Grove Cemetery. Emma Courtney died Nov. 14, 1951, and is buried at Johnson Cemetery, Wade, MS. (5) Jesse Courtney, born in 1835. He married Lucy ?. Their children are unknown. (6) Mary Courtney, born in 1841, untraced. (7) Susan Courtney, born in 1843, untraced. (8) Sarah "Sally" Courtney, born 1844, married Joseph Dickerson, a widower. Their children were: Mary Jane, born in 1867, died young; Matthew, born Oct. 27, 1873, married Hannah Davis; William, born Jan. 18, 1875, married Arcolia S. Eubanks; Joseph, born Oct. 5, 1877, married Mary Box; John, born May 1, 1879, married Julie Davis; Thomas Edwin born, Aug. 25, 1880, married Katherine "Kate" Eubanks; and Israel D., born Nov. 25, 1883, married Kate Ball. (9) Martha Courtney, born in 1845, untraced. (10) Elizabeth "Betty" Courtney, born in 1847, untraced. (11) Patsy Courtney, born in 1849, untraced. (12) M.J. Courtney, born in 1849, untraced. (13) Andrew Courtney, born in 1849, untraced. (14) Simon Courtney, born in 1849, untraced. Whether the above four children born in 1849, and with James in 1860 were quadruples or whether an error was made by the census taker in recording their age is unknown. Another possibility is that all the children did not belong to James Courtney. (15) Louisa Jane Courtney, born in 1853, married Henry Augustus Ball. Their children were: Minerva, born in 1871; Mansfield Warren, born 1873; Sarah Malinda, born in 1878; Eliza Jane, born in 1881; Victoria Evelyn, born in 1883; Florence Louella, born in 1886; and Norah

WADE BAPTIST CHURCH

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climbing out the window, removing the wool coat, and loosening the high, starched collar.

Most people walked to church. A few had wagons or horses, and automobiles or trucks in later years. Huge nails were driven into the two large blackjack oaks in the front yard to tie the horses. People would come from miles around for Protracted Meetings, which sometimes lasted two weeks or longer. There were morning and night services, and one all-day gathering on a Sunday with dinner-on-the-grounds and children allowed to play, barefoot. The baptisms were usually held in Whiskey Creek or Black Creek at Broome.

On January 16, 1945, Letty Flurry signed the Application for Membership in the Singing River EPA. The present block building was under construction, and would have electric lights! Constructed on Saturdays by members, and taking several years to complete, it consisted at that time of a sanctuary, Sunday School rooms, a hallway, and an entrance. The work was completed in the summer of 1950. The furniture from the Little White Church was used until second-hand pews were purchased. Johnny Parker built a pulpit and communion table.

Over the years, as God blessed Antioch, additions were made, and the building was remodeled. A fellowship hall, kitchen, and restrooms were added. The sanctuary was remodeled, new lighting installed, carpet laid, and new furniture purchased. Paneling covered the bare block walls, and the ceiling was raised. God's house at Antioch had a new look.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Services, followed by a chili and salad fellowship supper, began each year at the candlelit church at midnight on Christmas Eve, these were sacred and joyful events which usually lasted until after 2:00 in the morning.

In 1962, two members of the Antioch Women's Society discussed the possibility of a joint Easter Sunrise Service. That year, Antioch UMC, Benndale Church of God, and First Baptist Church of Benndale gathered outside in the cold morning air to watch the sun come up and to worship our risen Lord. Later moved indoors, this has been a traditional gathering enjoyed by the community ever since.

Through the years, Antioch has been known as a quiet country church whose members believe that after a person is saved by the Grace of God through faith in Jesus Christ, he or she should live in accordance with the principles taught in the Bible. It is a friendly church, welcoming visitors and new members to worship and fellowship in a church whose Christian tradition goes back over a century and a half.

by Karen Boren Havard



Wade Baptist Church c. 1910

Old Wade Baptist Church was used as a school for children in Wade Community about 1910.

Left to Right, Front Kneeling: Mable Goff Stringfellow, Bertis Watson, Mary Johnson Goff, unknown, Lillian Parker Waltman, Johnny Faggard, Preston Johnson, Curtis Waltman, unknown, Joe Buddy Faggard, James "Jimmy" Davis, unknown.

Second Row (boys): Arthur Cauley, Allamander Coleman, Leslie Davis, Ira Cauley, Johnny Parker, Leonard Waltman, Lillie Mae Cauley Langley, Myrtle Waltman Hearndon, Levada Goff Kirkwood, Addie Parker, Nellie Goff Cumbest, Lola Goff Hamilton.

Third Row (girls): Mazzie Parker, Maggie Goff Miller, Callie Goff, Eula Watson Carter, unknown, Anna Vaughn Goff, Susie Davis Carter, Clara Salisberry Furby, Essie Coleman, Houston Johnson, Ella Goff Hamilton.

Fourth Row (men): Mr. J.G. Mabry, (teacher), Miss Sarah Worley, Jessie Watson McClamrock, Winnie Davis Vaughn, Henrietta Watson, Cornelia Parker, Gordon Johnson, Capp Johnson, unknown, Arthur Cauley.

Back Row: Rhett Johnson, Hardy Parker, Cleveland Faggard, Ira Watson, Howard Davis, Quincey Goff, Jess Parker.

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OLD WADE SCHOOL

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Old Wade School - First Grade Class

Left to Right, Front Row: First two unknown, Mary Lou Cumbest, Wanda Johnson, Wayne Williams, Donald McNeely, Vadin Jackson, Roger Davis, Wayne Parker, Buck Herndon, Sara Cumbest.

Second Row: Patsy Cumbest, Mary Ellen Capers, Joan Cumbest, unknown, Walter Lee Waltman, Ina Hearndon, Eula Adkinson, Jerald Goff, Bobby V. Waltman, Myrtle Goff, **James "Timer" Hester**, Teacher: Susie Carter.

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Hester Family

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HESTER, Miss Annie Allene (74)
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marriage Amelia I, Mrs a M.C. Dorman
Nov. 9, 1914 Harrison Co.

NP Nov. 9, 1914 pg 4 col 6 - Rankin kids two - - -

death Americas

Jan. 4, 1930

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marriage Americas M Josephine Head

Nov. 2, 1871 Bk 6 pg 89 Harrison Co.

marriage Caroline F. m C.M. King Harrison Co.
April 18, 1856 - Bk 3 pg 88

death Cicero

Aug 30, 1917

NP Sept. 1, 1917 pg 4 col 2 - Cicero Hester killed - - -

marriage Calumbusa A. Hester M Rankin Heckman
June 15, 1871 Bk 6 pg 55 Harrison Co.

death Dozier 61 yrs old - Pascagoula News.

Sept. 1, 1937

NP Sept 3, 1937 pg 14 col 6

death E.W.

Oct 21, 1925

NP Oct 23, 1925 pg 2 col 3 - Bibb News.

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marriage Emory O. m Emma Crain
April 7, 1921
NP April 16, 1921 pg 3 col 3

marriage Emily M John Leberis
April 25, 1855 Bk 3 pg 52 Harrison Co

marriage Ernest W. m Gertrude W. Scarborough
June 15, 1905
NP June 21, 1905 - pg 5 col 3

marriage Eva M W. T Boswell of Jackson, Miss.
Sept 18, 1920
NP Sept 21, 1920 pg 2 col 3 - Coast-honeymoon

BIRTH _____ Hester - son of mams F. M. Hester
NP Nov. 6, 1914 - pg 5 col 5 Riceville

BIRTH _____ Hester - son of mams F. M. Hester
Nov. 6, 1916
NP Nov. 10, 1916 pg 5 col 2

marriage Henry Sherwood m. Ruth Jordan
April 28, 1919
NP June 7, 1919 pg 4 col 2 Two weddings

marriage John Hester m Delphine Bond Done
Sept. 26, 1867 Bk 5 pg 39 Harrison County

marriage John Hester m Martha Bond
Sept. 7, 1896 Bk 11 pg 55 Harrison Co.

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BIRTH Hester son of M-M J. J. Hester
Oct. 12, 1912

NP Oct. 22, 1912 pg 6 col 1 Recluse

marriage Lucy A. m. Green Brown

Sept. 14, 1866 Bk 5 pg 71 Harrison County

century Lyman Belton cemetery Bk A pg 372

death Marion 73 yrs old

Jan. 4, 1933

NP Jan 5, 1933 pg 5 col 2

marriage Margarette M Ellis Easterling

April 14, 1938

NP April 15, 1938 pg 2 col 3

century Mary Bk A pg 281

marriage L. Marie (Mrs.) m. C.O. Nelson

Oct 6, 1913

NP Oct 7, 1913 pg 8 col 5 wedding Bellat Beauvoir

marriage Marion m. John Perkins

June 14, 1871 Bk 6 pg 45 Harrison Co.

marriage Mary E. m. A.E. King

* Sept. 24, 1855 Bk 3 pg 73 Harrison Co

marriage Midea m. Dovid Dowdell

* Nov. 24, 1853 Bk 2 pg 32 Harrison Co

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marriage Minnie m Doran Bond

May 19, 1912

NP May 25, 1912 pg 2 col 6 m Henry

death Mrs. Nancy Davis

NP Jun. 30, 1919 pg 3 col 3 (page not in sequence former Biloxi --)

marriage Penny M Thomas Roberson

March 31, 1871 Bk 6 pg 37 Harrison Co.

marriage Raymond m Alberta Bugher

April 23, 1912

NP April 23, 1912 pg 5 col 4

marriage Thomas A. m Julia A. Henley

Oct. 15, 1845 Bk 1 pg 68-69 Harrison Co.

death Thomas E. 68 yrs old

March 26, 1912

NP March 27, 1912 pg 1 col 1 - death at Beauvoir

marriage Viola (of Pensacola) m Sam J. Wells

Feb. 16, 1913

NP Feb. 17, 1913 col 8 col 2-3 / Feb. 15, 1913 pg 8 col 2

death Warner D. 51 years old - dd Sept 10, 1934

NP Sept. 11, 1934 pg 2 col 4

death W. F. at Beauvoir

Oct. 15, 1924

NP Oct. 16, 1924 pg 4 col 3 - Gulfport news

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Bentth daughter of m-m W.P. Hester
NP Sept. 27, 1911 pg 8 col 2

death Mrs. W. T.
March 14, 1923
NP March 14, 1923 pg 3 col 5

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**MEN GROW PUGNACIOUS;
MAYOR ASSESSES FINES**

1926

Possession of firearms caused Alvin Hester of Pascagoula and Harry Bragg of Orange Grove to develop dispositions entirely too pugnacious for the comfort of residents of Orange and Jackson streets, and each drew heavy fines in Mayor's court Tuesday morning. Late Monday afternoon the men started out in an automobile and it is alleged that they stopped in front of a Jackson street house and exhibited a rifle and a revolver in an angry and threatening manner. City Marshal Munsfield was called. Mayor Watts assessed Hester with fines totaling \$175, while Bragg had a bill of \$250 to pay for the holiday celebration.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

Coast native Rita Sheffield Hester has made it in entertainment's big league — Hollywood.

Pep, Perk & Passion

College selects Hester to receive 1996 Hall of Fame Award

By KEN FINK



Profile

Coast Profile is a feature that focuses on personalities who may or may not be in the public spotlight.

Rita Sheffield Hester

Age: 49

Family: Husband, Benny Hester, daughter Heather Sheffield, 24, from first marriage to Buddy Sheffield

Quote: 'If I had not grown up and lived (on the Coast) and been given the opportunities, I wouldn't be doing what I do here. I value those roots more than any life you would have in the Hollywood glitter.'

Philosophy: 'I always feel that a person should dream in order to envision who you want to become and the things you want to accomplish. To achieve something and be fulfilled, you should do what you love and do the things that you have a passion for.'

At work

A few of her accomplishments:
Executive producer

College selects Hester to receive 1996 Hall of Fame Award

By KEN FINK

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She's a feisty one, a person with the determination of a cruise missile and the drive of a team of huskies in a snowstorm, always stretching for the next goal, some out of reach but none impossible.

Biloxi native and actress-director Rita Sheffield Hester holds dear her Coast roots, but a West Coast calling landed her in entertainment's big league — California. One thing will certainly bring her home again, if only for a brief stay.

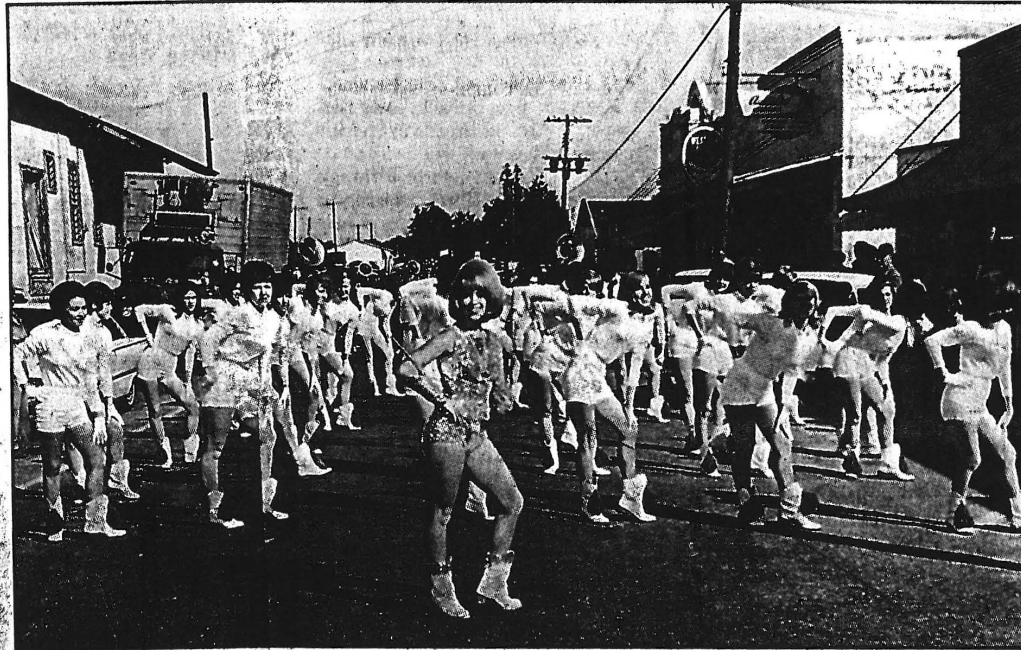
Her alma mater, Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College, selected her as the recipient of the 1996 Hall of Fame Award, given to alumni who have left the campus for successful careers. She attended the campus at Perkinston in 1965 before transferring to the University of Southern Mississippi.

"We've stayed in contact," said Kathryn Lewis, a friend of Rita's and current chairwoman of the college's fine arts department. "She's vivacious, energetic, creative; she's everything that a proud Mississippian would want to represent them."

Rita's determination has taken her places. When she wanted to go to Broadway, she did.

In a 1982 collaboration with then-husband Buddy Sheffield, the two brought their play "Cleavage" to Broadway. The musical story of relationships from puberty to old age supported a nine-member cast. But it was only a beginning.

By the time she was in high school, Rita (her maiden name was Baker), had grown into a pixieish, barely 5-foot-tall girl, but one who had the step and the moves to make her the head of the Perkinston cam-



SUBMITTED PHOTO

In 1966, Rita Baker was the lead Perkettes for Gulf Coast Junior College.

Honoring Rita

What: The Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College Hall of Fame Induction of Rita Sheffield Hester

When: Noon to 2 p.m., Oct. 19

Where: The Wentzell Center at the Perkinston campus

Tickets: \$8 for luncheon

Details: 928-6288

pus dance squad in her freshman year.

Once, at a Biloxi Mardi Gras parade, a friend of Richard Sheffield her future brother-in-law, offered her a dime.

"Here," he said, referring to her small frame; "call me when you grow up."

It was a dime wasted.

"Hah, hah, that's true," Rita recalled from her home in Sherman

Oaks, Calif., where she, her husband, Benny Hester, and ex-husband Buddy are partners in Rebel Entertainment. They are currently working on three shows they will soon pitch to networks.

Her beginnings were small: growing up in Wiggins, attending dance and piano recitals, marching in parades. But she knew all along where she wanted it all to lead. And it did.

"If I had not grown up and lived there and been given the opportunities, I wouldn't be doing what I do here," she said. "I value those roots

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AT HOME

A few of her accomplishments:

Executive producer and co-creator with Buddy Sheffield of 'Roundhouse,' a weekly music show for Nickelodeon.

Coordinating producer for 'Dolly,' a variety show starring Dolly Parton.

Co-founder of Sheffield Ensemble Theater, a professional regional theater company performing original musicals for young audiences and families.

Producer and director of 'Bananas' for the International Children's Festival.

Producer of several shows as the major entertainment at the Louisiana World Exposition in 1984.

Producer and director of 'Cleavage,' an original musical comedy on Broadway, in 1982.

General manager for the pre-Broadway run of 'Staggerlee,' a musical by Vernel Bagneris and Allen Toussaint.

Producer of 'Beans,' a musical about 'human beans' for Mississippi Educational Television that aired nationally on PBS.

Fame

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more than any life you would have in the Hollywood glitter."

As an example of her determination, Rita wanted to continue her dancing when, in 1966 as a freshman, she entered the Perkinston campus of the Mississippi Gulf Coast Community College.

Rock was beginning to take over the music scene, but Rita loved swing, a rich sound that encouraged dance. It came from the big band era of the 1930s and '40s, showy and, she says, thrilling.

"The theatricality of dance was in my heart," she said. She wanted to become the first freshman "head Perketette."

"I decided I really wanted to be that," she said. "So I asked. I said, 'I think I should be your leader.'"

Others had told her that freshmen weren't usually accepted on the dance team.

"I told them I didn't want to be on the dance team," she said. "I wanted to be head of the dance team."

Work applauded, remembered

Without exception, everyone who has worked with or been associated with Rita paint her as one who makes things happen.

As Richard put it: "Buddy needed a fire lit beneath him. Rita was the one who struck the match."

Jay Rogers of Hattiesburg worked with the Sheffields' children's theater project, "Beans," that ultimately led them to kick off the Kennedy Center's 1980 Children's Arts Series.

Rogers is now in New York, performing in the off-Broadway musical review, "When Pigs Fly."

"She was a real go-getter," he said from New York. "She seemed to be able to accomplish everything she set out to do. She was ambitious. It is a hugely driving force for her."

The brothers Sheffield, including David, who wrote "The Nutty Profes-

it is what held them together.

"She has a tremendous amount of energy," Richard said. "She doesn't like to be defeated. She's determined. She stays in there."

A good thing, perhaps.

"Without her, the Sheffield Ensemble Theater would have never happened. They (brothers David and Buddy) had a tendency to go fishing. She held it together."

Nancy Head, a classmate, found Rita and her work impressive.

"She was darling," Head said. "She was as cute as she could be. She was very deserving of that role. She has that inner drive that makes her success come easy."

John Adams, a Gulfport insurance agent, was only one of Rita's unlikely students — of sorts.

"I was an athlete at Perk on a basketball scholarship," he said. "They brought her in to teach the team ballet. It was very effective. She was highly charged."

"It was funny watching her do ballet with a bunch of basketball guys who didn't know what they were doing. We were good athletes, but that was a different activity."

Rita thought back and laughed, recalling her dance practice in the gym during rainy weather.

"All those gangly boys," she said recalling the once-a-week, two-hour sessions. "The coach told me I was very dedicated. He told the team about it and they were stunned. They didn't want to do it. The coach said 'I don't care if you like it or not. It's going to make you play better. Give her your full attention.'"

The world's a stage

If Rita's special gift isn't talent itself, it certainly is her ability to spot talent. She first cast her soon-to-be husband, Buddy, in a one-man play while in college.

Others from the Coast have worked with her on various projects, including "Cleavage," "Feats," "Bananas" and "Beans."

"I had just graduated from college and saw her company perform," said Carmelo Evans, who later

"I was just in awe. I auditioned that summer. She had an uncanny sense that she could see talent in people. The people she put together for shows were all from Mississippi and they were the most talented people I've ever known. Buddy was the creative end of it, but Rita was the motivator, the sponsor, the business mind. She could see talent in people."

Her love of theater, plus the talent of spotting talent, has brought her to the verge of national fame as her company prepares to pitch shows to networks. She will be handling the talent end.

"I love talent. It is clear to me who has the goods," she said. "I always considered it a real gift. The driving force that made me so determined and ambitious was the love of seeing that magnificent talent in people."

The ambition, the drive, the unfettered determination? It all comes from the Coast.

"I was given such a creative ground to work on there," she said. "No one told me, 'you can't do this, you can't do that.'"

She saw talent early on in Buddy, the man she would eventually marry.

"We met as students and instantly a professional creative collaboration took place," she said. "We realized that we had a chemistry of creativity. He did one thing; I did another. Over the years, they were complementary."

Professional turned to personal and the couple married in 1970.

There is a grind, a grueling demand that goes along with life in the entertainment business. While rewarding, the business can also take its toll. Sadly, it came down to one or the other. They divorced in 1985, but remain close in their personal lives and business partnership.

"The grueling hardship of trying to make it, it's very difficult," she said. "It took its toll on our personal life. We put more into our careers than we did our marriage. It was a great loss, a very sad loss."

But in the end, not all was lost.

The two have a 24-year-old daughter, Heather, and a flourishing business that includes the partnership of Rita, her husband of five years and her former husband of 16 years.

From the fountain that is her life have flowed rich rewards and no regrets. It's a long way from Wiggins to the West Coast. But it seems that trip was etched in her destiny. No other career would have fit the small woman with large dreams.

"Mine was a full commitment to dancing, acting and directing," she said. "There was never a question of not doing that. It was a question of which I would focus on. I was always going to be in the performing arts. I never considered doing anything else."

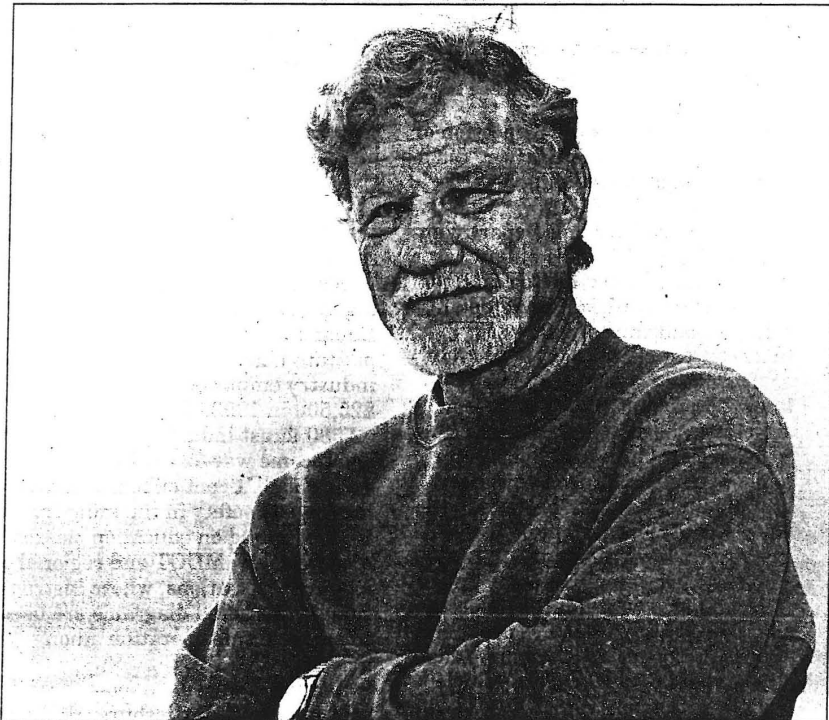
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Curtis Hester

Curtis Hester, 73, is a retired electrician from the city of Pascagoula. He put in 27 years with the city. He was born in Biloxi, raised in Pascagoula, and has lived in Helena

for the past 25 years. In his youth, he was a boxer and still stays active. Hester said, "I enjoy walking and jogging because you have to keep the body moving." He recently

bought his first motorcycle, a Harley-Davidson. He has ridden the bikes of his friends, but he decided it was time to get one of his own. He has two daughters, and four grandchildren.

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William Colgin/The Mississippi Press

Melissa Hester

Melissa Hester is the friendly crossing guard at the Jackson Elementary crossing on Eden Street in Pascagoula. Hester has been working as a

crossing guard for 11 years, starting at South Elementary. Hester was born and raised in Pascagoula and lives near the crossing she works with her hus-

band, Clyde Hester, and her children. Melissa says being a crossing guard allows her to spend most of the day with her children.

New calculation policy benefits grant applicants

Special to The Mississippi Press
JACKSON — The Mississippi Development Authority has adopted a new policy for its Homeowner Assistance Program that will give most applicants a larger grant award.

The new policy for calculating grants will adjust the starting values for grants to use the highest value of three assessments:

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grant supplement. You may deposit the check you have already received.

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About Mississippi Development Authority

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While the agency is best known for its efforts to

County to move to former

By NATALIE CHAMBERS

The Mississippi Press

PASCAGOULA — By December, six county departments will move into the former Mississippi Unemployment Office on Amonett Street.

The county closed on the building Friday. It will become the new home for the county election commission, archives, coroner's office, extension service, office of veteran's affairs and the circuit court's mass tort division.

"We chose these departments since they're fundamentally stand-alone offices with small public access requirements. The Amonett complex will give each department ample office, meeting and storage space," County Administrator Alan Sudduth said.

Sudduth said the purchase price is \$495,000 for 11,564 square feet of space.

Sudduth said the majority of the cost will be reimbursed by Federal Emergency Management Agency hurricane recovery funds.

David Baldof, director of veteran's affairs, said his department welcomes the move because it has been using modular buildings for temporary offices since Hurricane Katrina.

"I've been told I'm going to

Pascagoula Fo

From Staff Reports

PASCAGOULA — The first-ever Pascagoula Forward — Partners For Progress meeting will be held Friday at noon at LaFont Inn on Denny Avenue.

The purpose of the meeting is to allow citizens to hear how specific projects are progressing and to give them a chance to offer their own ideas, said Frank Corder, chairman of the Pascagoula

Joseph Benjamin Hester

Sr. THE SUN HERALD

Aug - 25 - 2003

Mr. Joseph Benjamin Hester Sr. departed this life Wednesday August 20, 2003 in Gulfport at the age of 54.

Mr. Hester was born July 23, 1949, to the late Dewey and Lucy Hester. He was a life long resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He attended Our Mother of Sorrows and M.F. Nichols High School. Mr. Hester was formerly employed as a pipe fitter at Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula until his health began to fail.

Joseph showed compassion to the homeless. Mr. Hester made many transitions during his illness, but the most important one was turning his heart over to God. In his own way he confessed "God and I, we're alright." He was very fond of fishing and crabbing.

Mr. Hester was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Charles E. Kelly, and his sister, Tamara E. Leverette.

He is survived by his wife Vanessa Posey, one son, Joseph Benjamin Hester, Jr., one grandchild Joseph Benjamin III, one brother, Charles J. Hester, two sisters, Johnis Ross (Jesse), and Adele Tucker (Alonzo), a best friend "Pepper".

A visitation will be held Tuesday at Marshall Funeral Home, 825 Division St. Biloxi, MS, 39530 from 11:00am to 12:45pm.

Services will begin at 1PM at the New Bethel Baptist Church, 255 Main Street, Biloxi. Services entrusted to MARSHALL FUNERAL HOME, Biloxi.

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Hester, Woodrow Wilson
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Funeral Services For William Hester Are Held Saturday

William Henry Hester, 65 years old, resident of Pascagoula for a year, died at the Jackson County Hospital after having been ill in the hospital for three weeks. Funeral services were conducted Saturday at the Fails Funeral Home in Pascagoula by the Rev. E. W. Ulmer, pastor of the First Methodist Church, and the body was sent to the former home in Hopkinsville, Ky., for interment.

Mr. Hester was formerly a resident of Nashville, Tenn., and had also been in the construction business in Hopkinsville and Birmingham. He was employed in the shipfitting department at the Ingalls shipyard until his illness five weeks ago. He lived at 604 10th street.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Cora T. Hester; two sons, Pfc. John W. Hester, Ft. Benjamin, Harrison, Ind.; and Pvt. Thomas R. Hester, New Guinea; two daughters, Mrs. Carl W. Vann, and Mrs. J. V. Blevins of Nashville; four grandchildren, and one brother, E. H. Hester, Louisville, Ky. *Jun. 30, 1944*

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brother, 18 grandchildren and
four great grandchildren.

Fails Funeral Home of Luce-
dale was in charge of arrange-
ments.

Funeral Service Set Wednesday For Mrs. Hester

Helen Margaret Hester, 34, of
Hester Road, Bayou Casotte,
died Monday afternoon in Sing-
ing River Hospital where she
had been a patient for over six
months.

A native of Louisiana, she is
survived by her husband, Howie
Hester, seven daughters, Patri-
cia Ann, Barbara Faye, Helen
Jeaneth, Joyce Maris, Carlene
Kay, Sharlene Fay and Mar-
garet Mae Hester.

The body will be laid out at
Fails Funeral Home in Pasca-
goula today at 5 p.m. and rosary
will be at 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held
from the funeral home Wednes-
day at 2 p.m. with the Rev.
Patrick Quinn officiating. Inter-
ment will be in Machpelah
Cemetery. Dec 17, 1963

Gas, Coal Dust Blamed In Mine Blast; 9 Killed

MARTIN, Utah (UPI)—Meth-
ane gas and coal dust, possibly
ignited by a spark, was blamed
today for a searing explosion
that killed nine miners and
turned a "model coal mine"
into a "black and dusty hell."

Ten miners survived the ex-
plosion that rumbled through a
drift a half mile underground in
the Carbon Fuel Co.'s No. 2
mine Monday. Only one of the

Today's Midday Stock Prices

NEW YORK (UPI) — RAILS
led an assault into new historic
high territory today as stocks
rallied on moderately active
trading.

This marks the ninth consecu-
tive rise for the rails. Today's
gains were paced by advances
of 1 or more in Northern Pa-
cific, Illinois Central, Norfolk &
Western, Chicago & Great West-
ern and Delaware & Hudson.

Strength in the rail section
has been sparked by Supreme
Court and Interstate Commerce
Commission clearance of a se-

ries of mergers, higher divi-
dends, improved earnings and
advances in carloadings.

At noon est, Dow-Jones indus-
trial average was up 2.78 to
764.42 0.56 over the closing rec-
ord high of 763.86 of Dec. 5.

The rally also was aided by
record November industrial out-
put, news that Ford Motor will
spend \$510 million on expansion
and modernization next year,
steel production at more than
10 per cent over a year ago
and bright prospects for the
rubber industry.

NEW YORK (UPI) —		Midday stock prices:	
American Can	42 1/4	Eastern Air	25 1/2
American Motors	16 1/2	Eastman Kodak	119 3/4
American Sugar	23 3/4	Ford Motor	50 1/2
American T&T	139 1/4	General Elec	8 3/4
American Tob	27 3/4	General Motors	80 1/4
Anaconda	43 3/4	General Tele	30 1/4
Atlantic C L	66	Georgia Pacific	52 1/2
Babcock & Wilcox	50 3/4	Goodrich	3
Baltimore & O	37 1/4	Goodyear	42 3/4
Bendix Corp.	40	Gulf Oil	47 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	30 3/4	Illinois Central	52
Boeing	35 3/4	Indian Head	14 1/4
Borden	64 1/4	Intern. Harv.	58 1/4
Briggs Mfg.	8	Inter. Corp.	34 3/4
Burlington Ind	44 1/4	Intern. Nickel	67
Carolina P & L	70	Intern. T&T	54 1/4
Chesapeake & O	68 1/2	Johns-Manville	49
Chrysler	90 1/4	Keenecott	68 1/2
Cities Service	62 1/4	Kroger Co.	28 1/2
Coca-Cola	108 3/4	Liggett & Myers	73
Colgate	40 1/4	Dockhead	36 1/2
Cone Mills	15 1/4	Lorillard	45 3/4
Continental Can	42 1/4	Louisville & Nashv.	90 1/4
Curtiss-Wright	18 1/4	Merck	106
Douglas Aircraft	21 1/4	Middle So Ut.	37 1/2
Dow Chemical	68 1/4	Monsanto	63 1/2
DuPont	230 1/4	Montgomery Ward	33
		Nat Gypsum	46 1/2
		Paramount Pic.	56 1/4
		Penney	43 1/2
		Penn RR	25
		Pepsi-Cola	30
		Phillip Morris	73 3/4
		Phillips Pet	48 3/4
		Republic Steel	40
		Reynolds Tob	30 1/4
		Seaboard A L	43 1/4
		Sears Roebuck	98 3/4
		Sinclair	42 3/4
		Socony Mobil	70 3/4
		Southern Co.	42 1/4
		Sou Nat. Gas	82 1/2
		Southern R R	62 3/4
		Sperry	20
		Standard Oil NJ	75
		Studebaker	6 1/4
		Sunray DX	33 3/4
		Swift	43 1/4
		Texaco	67 1/2
		Texas Gulf Sul	21
		Union Carbide	121 1/2
		U.S. Pipe	18 1/2
		U.S. Rubber	45 1/4
		U.S. Steel	52 1/4
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Charles and daughter, Chekera,
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cruising in the Caribbean when
Short completed his recruit
training.

"They flew him to Cuba and
he joined the ship there," Ms.
Short said. "He loved sea duty.
He's thinking of making the
Navy his career."

It would be another 24 hours
before Juanita Walden and her
3-year-old daughter, Nicole,
could be united with their hus-
band and father.

Unfortunately for them
Bryant Walden drew duty and
would remain on the ship
overnight.

"It's harder on Nicole," said
Mrs. Walden, the former Juani-
ta Pitts of Moss Point. "She
doesn't understand why her
daddy doesn't come home with
her."

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on bill that turns port collections

Gov. Kirk Fordice wants a pri-
vate company to take over child
support collections because the
state is not doing it fast enough
or efficiently. Fordice has said
he expects a contract to be issued
this year.

DHS' child support collection

division has about 800 workers.

Fordice has said about \$292 mil-
lion in delinquent payments

have not been collected because

the division cannot handle the

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Base close list set for intense scrutiny

COLUMBUS, Miss. (AP) — Air Force Lt. Col. Stefan Eisen says politics and insufficient information will have no part in drawing up the military's 1995 base closure list.

"This one (the 1995 round of base closure) is going to have a lot more scrutiny," said Eisen, commander of Columbus Air Force Base's 37th Flying Training Squadron. "This one is going to be very criteria related."

Eisen, in remarks to a civic group here Wednesday, said criteria should be the sole judge in the final round of base closure.

"They are going to say, 'We need these missions. What base can provide these facilities?'" Eisen said.

Base closure has been a fact of life since 1988 when Congress started reducing the military budget, the Canada native and Connecticut resident said.

"A large part of our structure was built to support the nuclear forces and the conventional forces that would follow a nuclear attack," he said. "This cut is a tough one because it's the third."

All the bases that are still open are in top condition and choosing a base to close will be tough, Eisen said.

"The cuts that are going to be made in '95 are going to be hard ones," he said. "The bases all have good potential."

Eisen, who commands the T-37 jet trainer squadron, said joint flying training between the different services will be part of the military.

"I strongly believe we've been making a mistake by not holding primary training jointly," the 22-year Air Force veteran said. "I figure in the next couple of years, we will be holding training jointly."

Deaths

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ABBEY

Mrs. Ruth Lane Abbey, 77,
Pascagoula, died Tuesday,
March 29, 1994 in Mobile In-
firm, Mobile, Ala. Mrs. Abbey
was a member of First Baptist
Church of Pascagoula, and a
long time resident.

Survivors include her hus-
band R.C. "Dick" Abbey, Pas-
cagoula; two sons, David Ab-
bey, San Francisco, Calif.;
Clinton Abbey and daughter-
in-law, Sheri Abbey, Tallahas-
see, Fla.; one sister, Grace Rob-
inson, Dequincy, La.; one brother,
Noel Lane, New Hebron,
Miss.; five sisters-in-law, Mrs.
Hilda Lane, New Hebron,
Miss., Mrs. Charline Lane,

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New Hebron, Miss., Mrs. Elizabeth Lane, Wiggins, Miss.
Mrs. Bernice Lane, San Diego,
Calif., Mrs. Mickey Abbey,
Mobile, Ala.; numerous nieces
and nephews.

Visitation will be Thursday,
March 31, at O'Bryant-O'Keefe
Funeral Home from 1-2 p.m.
with funeral service to follow
at 2 p.m. with Dr. Jay Coker of-
ficiating.

Interment will follow at
Machpelah Cemetery, Pasca-
goula.

Arrangements by O'Bryant-
O'Keefe Funeral Home, Pasca-
goula.

Area deaths

MRS. JESSIE RAMSAY
WILKES, 79, Biloxi. Service
Friday, 10 a.m., at Howard
Avenue chapel Bradford-
O'Keefe Funeral Home, Biloxi.

HESTER

Kenneth Alton Hester, 40,
Route 1, Lucedale, died Wed-
nesday, March 30, 1994 in
Movella, Miss. Arrangements
incomplete at Holder-Wells
Funeral Home, Moss Point.

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Expansion begins on

HURLEY — Ground was broken today on a 2,644-
square-foot expansion to the
East Central Public Library.

The expansion, most of
which is devoted to increased
reading areas and book stacks,
will increase the size of the
existing 1,658 square foot
building by almost 60 percent.

Services at the library, located
at 21801 Shider Road, Hurley,
will continue uninterrupted
during the expected six-
month construction period.

"We expect to close for only
about a week at the end of the
project when the contractor ties
the addition in to the current
building," said East Central
Branch Manager Jean Goff.

The \$229,000 project is
being funded by the Jackson
County Board of Supervisors.
The county will provide
\$122,000 of the total and a
state construction grant
administered by the Mississip-
pi Library Commission will
contribute \$107,000.

"The Jackson County Board
of Supervisors is proud of its
strong tradition of support for
the regional library system,"
said District 1 Supervisor
Charles R. Moseley. "In just the
past seven years we have built
a new headquarters library and
three new public libraries. The
entire system has been auto-
mated. Now, as we near the
halfway mark of the 90s, I am
very pleased that one of the
three major library expansions
necessitated by growth is in
East Central, where our people
continue to break circulation
records while taking advantage

Springs school proposed plans

By SHELLEY POWERS

West Jackson County Bureau

OCEAN SPRINGS — In a
continuing effort to plan dis-
trict-wide facility expansions,
Ocean Springs School Board
met recently and discussed new
possibilities.

An earlier report by the dis-
trict's Leadership and Planning
Committee outlined some spe-
cific needs and formed several
plans which could alleviate
crowding in Ocean Springs
Schools.

In all, seven various plans,
ranging in cost from \$7,685,960
to \$22,718,260, were presented
to the board and the committee
said the plans could be mixed
and matched to best suit the
district.

Two new plans were present-
ed to the board at the recent
meeting. These were a revised
plan D and a plan L.

"We tried to meet the needs
addressed thus far in both of
these plans," Ocean Springs
Schools Superintendent Dr.
Dewey Herring said.

The overall cost of the new
plan D is \$9,260,804. The plan

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Virgil H. Hester

Virgil Howard Hester a resident of 711 Georgia St., Gulfport, died Friday morning at Gulfport Memorial Hospital where he had been a patient for six weeks.

Mr. Hester was born Nov. 3, 1903, in Mize, Miss., and resided in McLaurin prior to moving to Gulfport 25 years ago.

He was a retired heavy equipment operator with International Operating Engineers, and a member of IOE Local 624. He was a Protestant.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Letha Butler Hester; one son Clyde J. Hester, and six daughters, Mrs. Vera Miller, Mrs. Mary Bradley, Mrs. Earline Moore, Mrs. Dorothy Saucier, Miss Ernestine Hester and Mrs. Diane Holmes, all of Gulfport; 13 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; one brother, James R. Hester of Raleigh, Miss.; and two sisters, Mrs. Eunice Johnson of Magee and Mrs. Nonnie Wedgeworth, Sylvaena.

Daily Herald

Aug 15, 1970

OVER

HESTER, VIRGIL

Friends may call at Riemann Funeral Home at Gulfport after 3 p.m. Saturday, the funeral service will be held at the chapel Sunday at 2 p.m. with the Rev. A. B. Phelps, pastor of Free Church of God, officiating. Interment will be at Evergreen Gardens.

Infant Son Of Mr. And Mrs. Hester Dies At Hospital

5-30-45
Anthony Cathot Hester, eight month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hester of Old Mobile Highway, Pascagoula, died Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Jackson County hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Falls Funeral Home in Pascagoula and interment was in Ferrel cemetery in Escatawpa. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, O'Neal of Mobile, and Bobby of Pascagoula, and four sisters, Deloris Marie, Louise and Barbara Jean of Pascagoula and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fountain, Mobile, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hester, Wadsw.



Hester Infant Dies Suddenly At Home In Wade Sunday

6-14-46

Marion Thomas Hester, 6-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hester of Wade, died suddenly Sunday at the family home.

Funeral services were conducted at the residence Monday at 3 p. m., at the Johnson Tabernacle with interment at Johnson cemetery by the Rev. W. C. Wyatt, Baptist pastor, assisted by the Rev. M. B. Rust, visiting minister. Falls Funeral Home was in charge.

The baby is survived by his and four brothers, Alton C., parents, one sister, Etta Vernice, George W., Franklin D., and Mack B. Hester.

**H. H. Hester Dies At
Hospital Wednesday
After Short Illness**

10-11-46

Hiram Hardy Hester, 78 years old, died Wednesday morning at the Jackson County hospital after an illness of short duration. He resided at 404 Columbus Drive.

Born in Canton, Miss., Mr. Hester had lived in Pascagoula for 22 years. He was a member of the Baptist church.

Funeral services were conducted at the Stokes Chapel Thursday by the Rev. J. F. Brock, pastor of the Baptist church at Moss Point, and interment was in Maplelawn cemetery.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Effie Rhodes Hester; two daughters, Mrs. Osa Breneman and Miss Allene Hester of Pascagoula; and a son, L. C. Hester, Pascagoula; one grandson;



Death Of Walter Hester At Marine Hospital In Mobile

8-24-45
The death of Walter Hester, aged 40, occurred August 15 at the United States Marine hospital in Mobile where he had been under treatment for three weeks.

The body was shipped to Wade where interment took place at the Johnson cemetery with Rev. Ford Parker, officiating, August 18 at 4 p.m.

Four brothers, Robert of Wade and Steve, Alvie and Pat of Pascagoula, and four sisters, Mrs. Irene Johnson, Mrs. Maggie Rice and Mrs. Bessie Bush of Wade, and Mrs. Bertie Sward of Pascagoula, survive.

The Fails Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral arrangements.



Pascagoula Public Library
Local History & Genealogy Department
Hester Family

Tally Frances Hester Sr.

■ LUMBERTON — Tally Frances Hester Sr., 89, died Tuesday, Feb. 4, 1997, in Hattiesburg.

Mr. Hester was a retired millwright and a Christian. He served as circuit court judge in the mid-1960s and 1970s.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Helen Hester of Lumberton; a son, Tally "Snookie" Hester Jr. of Hemphill, Texas; two daughters, Iva H. Mobley and Elsie Louise Coker, both of Lumberton; two sisters, Vena Myatt of Memphis, Tenn., and Minnie Spiers; a brother, Richard Hester, all of Lumberton; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

A graveside service was Wednesday in Lumberton City Cemetery. White Funeral Home in Lumberton is in charge of arrangements.

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FULL MAIDEN NAME OF MOTHER		DATE:	

Hester, Mrs. Viola Louise Hudson (51)
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■ Sarah Pearle Hester, 102, of Lucedale died Saturday, June 24, 1995, in Weaverville, N.C.

Mrs. Hester was born Dec. 31, 1892, in Jones County and created the Cedar Creek Baptist Retreat in George County.

She was preceded in death by two sisters, Jessie Williams and Helen Braden; and three brothers, Preston Beesley, Forest Beesley and Vance Beesley.

Survivors include a daughter, Frances Jeanette Malone of Arden, N.C.; a sister, Jeanette Tillman of Lucedale; four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be tonight from 6 to 9 at Barton Baptist Church in Lucedale. A service will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at the church, with burial in the church cemetery.

O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home

in Pascagoula is in charge of arrangements.

Sarah Pearle Hester

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Nancy J. Hester

LADY OF 94 YEARS OF AGE DIES.

Citronelle, Ala., February 3, 1919.
News has been received here of the death, in her 94th year, of Mrs. Nancy J. Hester, at the home of her daughter in Citronelle, Ala.

Mrs. Hester was the wife of the late J. W. Hester, a prominent business man and saw mill operator in this section more than 50 years ago. She was the daughter of Samuel and Susan Davis, of Jackson county, and the last member of that well known family, of which there were two brothers and six sisters. Mrs. Hester was the mother of five children, Mrs. E. E. Chastang of Mobile, Loring B. Hester of Moss Point, Thos. W. Hester and Mrs. J. T. Whisenant of Citronelle, Ala., and Miss Alice Whithead, deceased. She leaves 21 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren.

■ DIAMONDHEAD — Margaret M. Hester, 44, died Wednesday, Dec. 4,

1996, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Hester was born in Mississippi and was a secretary and bookkeeper for Appliance Parts Company in Gulfport.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Elbert and Estell Milan.

Survivors include her husband, Ricky Hester of Diamondhead; a daughter, Marie Hester of Diamondhead; three brothers, Charles Milan of Greenville, Lawrence Milan and Danny Milan, both of Leland; and five sisters, Cheryl Miller of Columbus, Brenda McGaugh of Saucier, Linda Parmenter of Richmond, Va., Nora White of Jackson and Rebecca Flood of Joplin, Mo.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 tonight at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, U.S. 49 North, Gulfport. A service will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at the funeral home chapel, with burial in Floral Hills Memorial Gardens in Gulfport.

The family prefers memorials to the American Cancer Society, 182-A DeBuys Road, Biloxi.

Margaret M. Hester

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Hester, Lola Marie Mrs. (61)

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Hester, Lillie Belle

■ PASCAGOULA — Lillie Belle Hester, 75, died Tuesday, March 5, 1996, in Pascagoula.

Mrs. Hester was born Oct. 26, 1920, in Mobile and was a member of First Pentecostal Church in Pascagoula.

She was preceded in death by her husband, George Ronald Hester.

Survivors include six sons, Ronald J. Hester of Ocean Springs, Curtis Hester of Pascagoula, Roy Hester of Big Point, Gilbert Hester, James Hester, and Robert C. Hester, all of Pascagoula; three daughters, Mrs. Billy (Helen L.) Pace of Pascagoula, Mrs. Darrell (Bernice) Robertson of Escatawpa and Mrs. Ron (Bertha) Briley of Mobile; a brother, Lewie R. Howard of Oklahoma City; four sisters, Evelyn Moncus of Gulfport, Louise Silvers, Margaret McGuff and Doris Asher, all of Mobile; 26 grandchildren; 28 great-grandchildren; and 1 great-great-grandchild.

Visitation will be from 6 to 9 tonight at Holder-Wells Funeral Home in Moss Point. A service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home chapel, with burial in Serene Memorial Gardens in Escatawpa.

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Hester, Lillie Belle

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Lillie B. Hester

DEATH OF HESTER INFANT.
Infant June Hester, born on June 22, died on June 24, remaining in this lopsided world only three short days. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Hester, who have the sympathies of numerous friends in their untimely bereavement. The little form was tenderly buried Sunday in Macpelian cemetery. Rev. J. F. Brock, pastor of the Moss Point Baptist church performing the last sad offices of the church, in the presence of a number of friends and acquaintances, who covered the little grave with a mound of fragrant and beautiful flowers.

*HESTER - Lillie Belle
(in hand)*

HESTER

James Charles Hester, 74, Pascagoula, died Monday, June 20, 1994 in Pascagoula. He was born May 12, 1920 in Escatawpa. Mr. Hester was a U.S. Navy veteran, was a retired machinist and was of the Baptist faith. He was preceded in death by one son, Gene Lewis Hester; one daughter, Carol Jean Hester; and several brothers and sisters.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Thelma A. Hester, Pascagoula; six daughters, Thelma Louise Maxwell, Escatawpa, Theresa Ann Byron, Grand Bay, Ala., Mary Agnes "Micki" Broadus, Helena, Rosemary Diane Hood, Estaboga, Ala., Debra M. Wirick, Gautier, Cathy Salisbury, Gautier; six sons, James Robert Hester, Helena, William Alton Hester, Escatawpa, Charles Ray Hester, Hurley, Clyde Arnold Hester, Ocean Springs, Joseph

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Lamar Hester, Helena and Gerald "Jerry" Wayne Hester, Helena; two brothers, Homer Hester, Pascagoula, Ray Hester, Hurley; two sisters, Doris Owens, Texas, Laura Hester, Texas; 39 grandchildren; and 16 great grandchildren. Visitation will be Tuesday, June 21, from 6-9 p.m. at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home. Funeral service will be Wednesday, June 22, at 2 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Dr. Billy Williams officiating. Interment will be in Maplelawn Cemetery, Pascagoula. Arrangements by O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Pascagoula.

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liam Hester Jr., and William Henry Hester, both of Pascagoula; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oliver S. Hill Sr., Pascagoula; two brothers, Oliver S. Hill Jr., Pascagoula and Carl Sullivan of Houston, Texas; two sisters, Mrs. Yvonne Taggart, and Miss Patricia Ann Hill, both of Pascagoula; maternal grandmother, Mrs. O'Dell Kennedy, Pascagoula; aunts, uncles and other relatives.

Friends may call this evening from 6 to 10 p.m. at O'Bryant-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Pascagoula and funeral services will be Saturday at 2 p.m. from the funeral home chapel, with Rev. Clarence D. Cauley officiating. O'Byrant-O'Keefe, Pascagoula, in charge.

HESTER
Mrs. Jenny Lynn Hill Hester, 20, died this morning in University Hospital at Jackson, Ms., from injuries sustained in an automobile accident on April 13 at State Line, Ms. Her residence was 1303 Larson Ave., Pascagoula. She was a housewife and a member of the Baptist faith.
Survivors are her husband, James William Hester Sr., Pascagoula; two sons, James Wil-

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Hester, Jenny Lynn

Helen Hester

■ LUMBERTON — Mrs. Helen Hester, 85, died Saturday, Dec. 6, 1997, in Lumberton. Survivors include a brother, Virgil Schrader of Lumberton. Visitation will be from 6 to 9 tonight at White Funeral Home in Lumberton. A graveside service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday at Rousefield Cemetery in Lumberton.

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Mrs. Claudy Davis

■ Mrs. Claudy Davis, 72, 176 Lily Lane, Biloxi, died Saturday, March 11, 1995, in Biloxi.

Arrangement are incomplete at Richmond Funeral Home in Biloxi.

Irwin Thomas 'Joff' Hester

■ Irwin Thomas "Joff" Hester, 44, of Escatawpa died Saturday, March 11, 1995, in Pascagoula.

Mr. Hester was born Jan. 7, 1951, in Jackson County and was a self-employed carpenter.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Jenniev Overstreet.

Survivors include four sisters, Grace Glaskox, Lizzie Glaskox and Annie Prine, all of Hurley, and Melonee Bourn of Lumberton; and five brothers, James Robert "Timer" Hester of Hurley, J.D. Hester of Ellisville, Rance Hester of Whitfield, Richard Dean Hester of Wade and Richard Angus Hester of Escatawpa.

Visitation will be tonight from 6 to 9 at Holder-Wells Funeral Home in Moss Point. A service will be Tuesday at 2:30 p.m. in the funeral home chapel, with burial in Johnson Cemetery in Wade.

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Nattie, Homer Joe
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■ Harvel H. Hester, 86, of Gulfport died Thursday, Dec. 7, 1995, in Gulfport.

Mr. Hester was born in Hancock County and an Army veteran of World War II. He was a salesman for J.J. Chevrolet for 42 years and a member of First United Methodist Church of Gulfport.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Enoch and Eliza Ladner Hester; a son, Harvel H. Hester Jr.; and a brother Coy Ladner.

Survivors include his wife, Maude Hester; two daughters, Jean Garrigues of Gulfport and Karen Rice of Knobnoster, Mo.; a sister, Euva Ladner of DeLisle; and five grandchildren.

A service was Sunday at Riemann Memorial Funeral Home, U.S. 49 North, Gulfport, with burial in Evergreen Gardens in Gulfport.

The family prefers memorials to the American Cancer Society, 182 A DeBuys Road, Biloxi, or the Disabled Americans Veterans, 2600 23rd Avenue, Gulfport.

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Emery A. Hester

LUMBERTON — Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Monday at Winstead-White Funeral Home chapel in Lumberton for Emery A. Hester, 92, of Lumberton, who died May 8, 1993, at Forrest General Hospital.

The Revs. Keith Hagenson and Bartis Harper will officiate. Interment will be in the Lumberton Cemetery.

Mr. Hester was a member of the Lumberton United Methodist Church and the Lumberton Masonic Lodge. He was a retired owner and operator of Hester Florist in Lumberton and was a retired police officer with the Lumberton Police Department, where he worked for several years. He was a Watkins dealer and had been married for 75 years this month.

Survivors include his wife, Mattie Spiers Hester of Lumberton; three daughters, Mavis Anderson of Purvis, Ruth Hester of Panama City Beach, Fla., and Rita Bennett of Lumberton; one son, Kenneth Hester of Saraland, Ala.; three sisters, Vennie Myatt of Memphis, Tenn., Lyla Vasser of Fort Pierce, Fla., and Minnie

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Spears of Lumberton; three brothers, Keith Hester, Richard Hester and Talley Hester, all of Lumberton; nine grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Visitation will be from 5:30 to 10 p.m. Sunday at Winstead-White Funeral Home in Lumberton, which is in charge of the arrangements.

Infant Son Of Mr. And Mrs. Hester Dies At Hospital

Anthony Cathot Hester, eight-month-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Hester of Old Mobile Highway, Pascagoula, died Sunday at 2 p. m. at the Jackson County hospital. Funeral services were conducted Tuesday at 10:30 a.m. at the Falls Funeral Home in Pascagoula and interment was in Ferrell cemetery in Escatawpa. In addition to his parents, he is survived by two brothers, O'Neil of Mobile, and Bobby of Pascagoula, and four sisters, Delori, Marie, Louise and Barbara Jane of Pascagoula, and his grandparents Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Fountain, Mobile, and Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Hester, Wadley. ~~Obit 3-30-85~~

Anthony Cathot Hester

Ferrell

Hester, Charles Robert (71)

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Charles C. Hester

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Charles C. Hester, 83, died Friday at his residence in Moss Point 201 Walter, after an illness of three months. ~~Obit 12-14-84~~

A native of Scott County, he had been a resident of Moss Point for four years. He was a retired logger.

Survivors are his widow, Mrs. Charles C. Hester, three sons, Edgar and Artis of Pascagoula and Albert of Gautier; four daughters, Mesdames Hattie Rogers, Moss Point, Callie Barnes, Laurel, Loney Parker, Mobile and Effie Hutchinson, Tuscon, Ariz.

One brother, Robert Hester and a sister Mrs. Ada Howard, both of Louisiana; 40 grandchildren and a number of great-grandchildren.

Services were held at Falls Sunday with the Rev. J. L. Barlow officiating. Interment was in Ferrell Cemetery, Escatawpa.

Pall bearers were Leslie Gott, Lum and J. O. Cumbest, W. W. Pierce and D. E. Scarbrough.

Hester, Clyde A.

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HESTER

Mrs. Fannie Mae Hester, 66, died March 9 in the Singing River Hospital a native of Escatawpa, born October 14, 1904 and a resident of Route 5, Box 340.

Survivors include her husband Artis Hester; seven sons, James Hester, Homer Hester, Ray Hester, all of Pascagoula; Hawie Hester and Clyde Hester, both of Moss Point; Gene Hester, Clarence Hester, both of Helena; four daughters, Mrs. James Middleton of Bexley, Miss.; Mrs. Dorothy Holloman of Moss Point; Mrs. Doris Day of Escatawpa; Miss Laura Hester of Helena; two brothers, Woodrow Perry and Walter Perry, both of Escatawpa; two sisters, Mrs. Flora Conway of Pascagoula; Mrs. Dora Noll of Escatawpa; Mrs. Lessie Tompkin and Mrs. Annie Larsen both of Pascagoula; Mrs. Jessie Hallstrom of Escatawpa; 36 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren.

Services were conducted today at 2 p.m. from Falls Funeral Chapel of Moss Point with Rev Bob Nusko, officiating. Burial was in the Robinson Cemetery.

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Floree C. Hester

■ GULFPORT — Floree C. Hester, 67, died Tuesday, April 16, 1996, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Hester was a native of Leflore and was a retired telephone operator.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Cresswell.

Survivors include a son, Thomas Martin Hester, a daughter, Dorothy Hester Smith, both of Panama City, Fla.; a sister, Dorothy Cruikshank Sidel; and a grandchild.

Mrs. Hester will be sent from Richmond Funeral Home, 25th Avenue, Gulfport, to Memphis for burial in Forrest Hill Cemetery.

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Funeral Service Set Wednesday For Mrs. Hester

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Helen Margaret Hester, 34, of
Hester Road, Bayou Casotte,
died Monday afternoon in Sing-
ing River Hospital where she
had been a patient for over six
months.

A native of Louisiana, she is
survived by her husband, Howie
Hester, seven daughters, Patri-
cia Ann, Barbara Faye, Helen
Jeaneth, Joyce Maris, Carlene
Kay, Sharlene Fay and Mar-
garet Mae Hester.

The body will be laid out at
Fails Funeral Home in Pasca-
goula today at 5 p.m. and rosary
will be at 8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held
from the funeral home Wednes-
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that killed nine miners and
turned a "model coal mine"
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Ten miners survived the ex-
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Today's Midday Stock Prices

NEW YORK (UPI) — Rail-
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NEW YORK (UPI) —		Midday stock prices:	
American Can	42 1/4	Eastern Air	25 1/4
American Motors	18 1/2	Eastman Kodak	119 3/4
American Sugar	23 3/4	Ford Motor	60 1/2
American T&T	139 1/4	General Elec	8 3/4
American Tob	27 3/4	General Motors	80 7/8
Anaconda	43 3/4	General Tele	30 3/4
Atlantic C L	66	Georgia Pacific	52 1/2
Babcock & Wilcox	50 3/4	Goodrich	5
Baltimore & O	37 1/4	Goodyear	42 3/4
Bendix Corp.	48	Gulf Oil	47 3/4
Bethlehem Steel	30 3/4	Illinois Central	52
Boeing	35 1/4	Indian Head	14 1/2
Borden	64 1/4	Intern. Harv.	58 1/4
Briggs Mfg.	8	Inter. Corp.	34 3/4
Burlington Ind	44 1/4	Intern. Nickel	67
Carolina P & L	70	Intern. T&T	54 1/4
Chesapeake & O	68 1/2	Johns-Manville	49
Chrysler	90 1/4	Kennecott	68 1/4
Cities Service	62 1/4	Kroger Co.	28 3/4
Coca-Cola	108 3/4	Liggett & Myers	73
Colgate	40 3/4	Dockhead	36 1/4
Cone Mills	15 1/4	Lorillard	45 3/4
Continental Can	42 1/4	Louisville & Nashv.	90 3/4
Curtiss-Wright	18 3/4	Merck	106
Douglas Aircraft	21 1/4	Middle So Ut.	37 1/4
Dow Chemical	68 3/4	Monsanto	63 1/2
DuPont	230 3/4	Montgomery Ward	33
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		Paramount Pic.	56 1/4
		Penney	43 3/4
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		Pepsi-Cola	36
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**Joseph Benjamin Hester
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Mr. Joseph Benjamin Hester Sr. departed this life Wednesday August 20, 2003 in Gulfport at the age of 54.

Mr. Hester was born July 23, 1949, to the late Dewey and Lucy Hester. He was a life long resident of the Mississippi Gulf Coast. He attended Our Mother of Sorrows and M.F. Nichols High School. Mr. Hester was formerly employed as a pipe fitter at Ingalls Shipyard in Pascagoula until his health began to fail.

Joseph showed compassion to the homeless. Mr. Hester made many transitions during his illness, but the most important one was turning his heart over to God. In his own way he confessed "God and I, we're alright." He was very fond of fishing and crabbing.

Mr. Hester was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Charles E. Kelly, and his sister, Tamara E. Leverette.

He is survived by his wife Vanessa Posey, one son, Joseph Benjamin Hester, Jr., one grandchild Joseph Benjamin III, one brother, Charles J. Hester, two sisters, Johnis Ross (Jesse), and Adele Tucker (Alonzo), a best friend "Pepper".

A visitation will be held Tuesday at Marshall Funeral Home, 825 Division St. Biloxi, MS, 39530 from 11:00am to 12:45pm.

Services will begin at 1PM at the New Bethel Baptist Church, 255 Main Street, Biloxi. Services entrusted to MARSHALL FUNERAL HOME, Biloxi.

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Newspaper article
on death of Pink Hester
Oct 8, 1887

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lovely bride Ackerman visited friends and

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it may be stiff.

Miss Jimmie Smythe is the only student from Leake at Ole Miss.
Her mother brought her as far as Kosciusko, where they visited
relatives, then she went on alone.

Mrs. N.G. Heath died on Wednesday, Sept. 21, after an illness
of many days.

Amzie Henkel came to the rescue when one of Vol Millsaps' oxen
jumped off McFadden's Ferry. Henkel forced a rope around the
steer's head and forced him to swim back to the ferry. Millsaps was
returning from Forest.

Oct. 1, 1887

W.R. Lacey of Leake County was elected business agent of the
State Farmers' Alliance. C.T. Smithson was elected secretary.

Oct. 8, 1887

Pink Hester, an old man who lived on the road between Canton
and Carthage near the Leake and Madison county lines, was shot to
death last Saturday morning. The old man's son and young Davis
Martin were arrested as suspects.

Frank P. Triplett was elected county business agent of the
Farmer's Alliance to succeed W.R. Lacey.

Oct. 15, 1887

Dan Sullivan, J.H. Hall and W.S. Glenn are all fathers recently
of girl babies.

Nov. 12, 1887

Administrator's Sale: Estate of J.A. Hendricks, F.M. Davis,
administrator; SW 1/4 and W 1/2 of SE 1/4 of SE 1/4 Section 29 SE
1/4 of Section 39 Township 9 N Range 7 E.

Administrator's Notice: Estate of George Roby, John Roby,
administrator.

Two cases of typhoid are in the family of the Rev. Mr. Ellis and
Alpheus Plunkett, also in the A.J. Deal family.

**Looking Back: Genealogical Abstracts from
"The Carthaginian", Leake County, Mississippi, 1872-1900**

Regina Hines Ellison

Located in the geographical center of Mississippi, Leake County was often a stopping place for Mississippi travelers and those from other states. Whether they just passed through, stayed a few years, or stayed for the rest of their lives, the names of people who came to Leake County often found their way into the local weekly newspaper, *The Carthaginian*. Established in the county seat, Carthage, in 1872, *The Carthaginian*, has chronicled happenings in Central Mississippi since that time. This book consists of chronological abstracts of genealogical value gleaned from the earliest existing issues to the turn-of-the-century. The author cites more than births, deaths, and marriages. Among the types of items appearing in the book are: social notes on visiting relatives, or Leake Countians traveling to visit kin in other places; notes on illnesses, accidents, fires, and other disasters; comments by the editors or the correspondents referring to the character of individuals; articles on new homes, businesses, change of occupation, or people moving into or out of the area; advertisements of local businesses and products; elections, pollworkers and public officials; school events and honor students; club meetings, church events and veterans reunions; court cases, court notices and homestead notices.

Although the abstracts do not start until the early 1870s, references to the early years of Leake County are found in the letters to the editor, death notices, and other items.

With the references in the homestead notices, the researcher may obtain land patent documents through the National Archives. Also valuable are items showing the movement of people from place to place in the late 1800s. These give clues to their whereabouts between the censuses and often give hints or reasons of why they moved. People from many other locations are mentioned in the book, since the newspaper copied items from other weeklies about happenings in the neighboring counties of Neshoba, Scott, Attala, Holmes, and other parts of the state. An introduction, giving a brief history of newspapers in Leake County, samples of the court and land notices, and a surname index complement the abstracts.

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